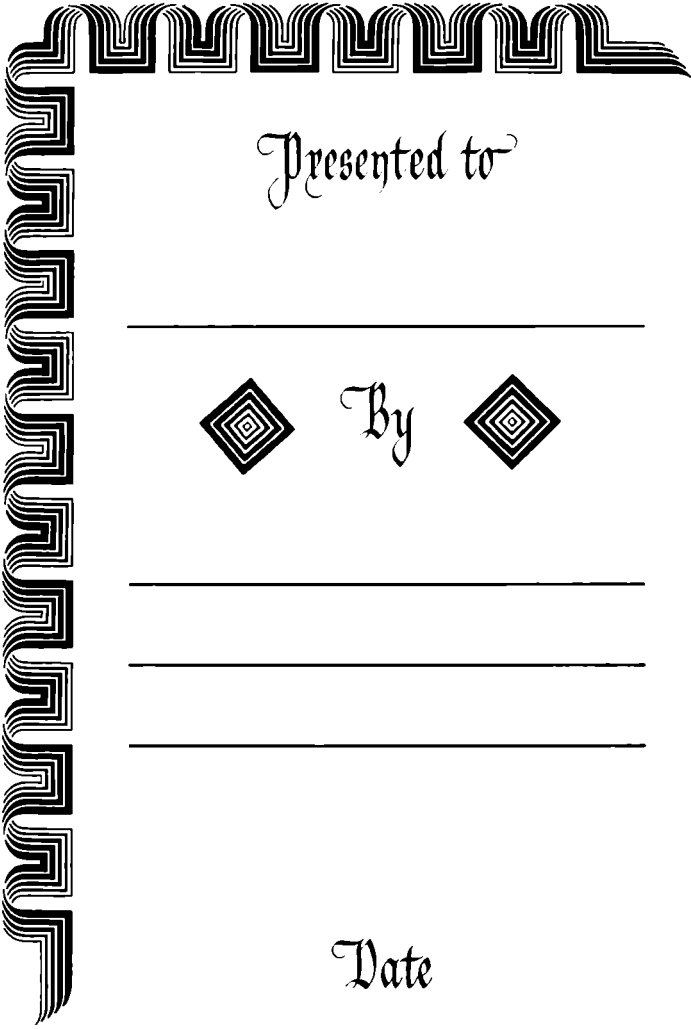




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# PREFACE

## WHY A MODERN KING JAMES VERSION

From the beginning of time, first in the law implanted in man's mind, and later in the written law, God has warned us, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**" (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4). True blessedness has always followed those who have delighted in God's words. David (in Psalm 1,) Job, and Jeremiah "**borne along by the Holy Spirit**" expressed this thought in other ways. For example, in Job we read: "**I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food**" (Job 23:12). By this we can see that even in primitive times men were able to understand the word of God, illustrating that God has chosen to communicate to mankind clearly and plainly in words in common use.

In our day we recognize that God formed the Scriptures through words commonly used among the Hebrew people, and later words commonly used by the Greek-speaking world. Whatever mysteries, whatever things hard to be understood there may be in the Bible, the words expressing such things are not so lofty as to impede the reader's understanding of them. Some of the most renowned men of God, even most of the apostles, were unlearned men. But "**being borne along by the Holy Spirit, holy men of God spoke**" the words of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:21). Through them God the Spirit has spoken to us in the plainest and most common words, in order that His people may in all ages certainly understand what it is that He commands us to think and feel and do.

Since few today read Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek, however, there is need for a translation into the common language of the reader. It was this that Tyndale wrote in his Preface: "which thing moved me to translate the New Testament; because I had perceived by experience that it was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth, except the Scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother tongue, that they might see the process, order and meaning of the text." Tyndale labored so that "every plowboy might understand" the Bible. A great spiritual revolution followed Tyndale's translation, growing each decade until J. R. Green, the great English historian, felt compelled to write, "No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England in the latter part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. England became the people of a Book, and that Book was the Bible. It was read by every class of people. And the effect was amazing. The whole moral tone of the nation was changed." (*Short History of the English People*). In the midst of this spiritual revolution the *Authorized Version*, known to many of us as *The King James Version of the Bible*, appeared to further aid in the enlightenment of the English-speaking people of that age.

And today it cannot be denied that the *Authorized Version/King James Version* is the very matrix from which has come a civilization blessed with

more abundance, more individual freedom to worship, more intellectual development, more time to read and meditate on God's word, more of all the blessings which tend to draw men toward God. Never since the advent of the *Septuagint* version, the early Greek version, has any other version so clearly held the prime position among Bible translations.

Since virtually all agree as to the historical and cultural value of the *Authorized Version/King James Version*, why do we need another English version now? The complaint against it was once expressed in a memorandum of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, saying in part: "Whilst fully recognizing the excellence of the AV, the General Assembly feels that the AV is becoming unable to fulfill its function because of its 17th century language. Many words current in 1611 have become archaic; many have changed their meaning. The general style and even syntax have changed, with the result that young people with only an elementary education find a great deal of the AV incomprehensible. Chaplains of the forces and teachers, as well as ministers, find that valuable time has to be spent in explaining the meaning of the Bible's words. There is a further danger that archaic language may give the impression that the message itself is out of date and irrelevant. This is especially deplorable since the New Testament was written in the 'common' language of the time."

Officially at least nearly all of the major denominations in the English-speaking world have been unsuccessful in attempting to replace the *Authorized Version/King James Version* without any true reverence or reference to that grand old version. Not only have subsequent versions updated the English, but they have all chosen to make changes in the underlying Greek and Hebrew of the text that they are supposed to be translating. And the result of these changes in modern versions has been not just a new version, but a *new Bible*. For as each new version rolls from the presses the more liberty is being taken by the 'translators' to rewrite the Bible, and even to restyle it. In their prefaces they express great admiration for the old *King James Version*, but they despise it so much that you cannot recognize any of it in the new version they propose to be the new Bible of the people.

Yet in spite of its archaic language the grand old *King James Version* refuses to die. It has worked itself into the hearts, minds and lives of so many people that it will not go away. **Why? Why should the majority of English-speaking people cling to a version which even its most avid proponents admit is full of archaic language, quaint words, words that have changed meaning, and which has what is counted today as 'bad' grammar? Why do people continue to use the *King James Version*, and to pray and meditate with its words, even in the face of their church leaders who have decreed that they should use a new version? It seems certain that is a matter of trust.** Being used to a version that attempted to translate the God-breathed words of the original languages word-for-word (or in modern parlance, by 'formal equivalence',) they will not for long accept any version that adds and subtracts to the point that the God-breathed words are either lost altogether, or their plain meaning is altered by the man-breathed words supplied by the self-styled 'translators'. And the most of the 'translation committees' of the new versions have the prideful opinion that God's people should trust their additions and subtractions in

spite of the fact that they do not identify where they have added or subtracted words. This may be seen in the words of Prof. Dewey Beegle: "In the case of the modern versions which have neither italics nor footnotes there are, obviously, no means of discerning difficult passages where the translation has elements of uncertainty, and so the reader must rely on the judgment and interpretation of the translator" (*God's Word Into English*). By this it may be seen that such translators do not believe in the "priesthood of believers," but in the priesthood of translators. The new versions appear to be saying to Bible readers, Trust us. We will tell you what God says, and how He means it, regardless of the original languages which He has providentially preserved. Is it any surprise, then, that new versions shot through with man-breathed words contradict themselves in myriads of places; yea, even make the Bible they claim to be God's word contradict itself? Is it any wonder that devout worshipers of God are wary of putting their trust in versions that are a mixture of the holy words of God and the words supplied by mere men? And what of the words they disdain to translate? It is difficult indeed to trust men who count the original God-breathed words as of no more importance or meaning to us in our day than the words they add to the Scriptures.

Observe the history of the new versions and it is easy to see why God's people are reluctant to accept any of them as the successor of the *King James Version* as "the Bible of the people." All these new versions appear in a blaze of publicity; they are hyped and then sold by the millions. Setting aside the fact of the herd instinct, the question might be asked, Why do millions buy every new version that comes out? Could it not be that there is a hope that at last they may find a real Bible, all the words of God, in English that they can readily understand and assimilate into their lives, one true to the original words that God-breathed out? If any of the new versions fit this pattern, then why do they fade away so quickly? What happened to the RV, the ASV, the RSV, the NEB? They are replaced by a New ASB, a New RSV, a Revised English Bible, a New International Version, etc. Why are replacements needed for versions that sold by the millions? Besides the obvious matter of huge monetary profits to be made from selling millions more of a new version of the last version, the reason must be nothing less than this: The readers of those new versions did not count them as worthy of their trust, did not feel that if they depended solely on them they would best learn of God, and best serve Him. If they had been the true successors of the "Bible of the people," (the position held for the past 380 years by the *Authorized Version/King James Version*.) why do they fade away? Why must the new version be replaced by a newer version at the same time untold millions still trust and use the grand old Book, the *King James Version*?

A typical attitude of modern translators is that expressed in the preface of the *New English Bible*: "One difficulty a translator has is to forget the Bible he has known from childhood. All of the translators have had to make the effort to forget the AV, or since that may well be impossible, to avoid reproducing its language, even when this is perfectly intelligible. . . . In rendering poetical passages, for example, the familiar rhythms, however legitimate, are not congenial to modern English and give the impression of remoteness." Note

that they admit that they changed the *Authorized Version* even in places where it was “perfectly intelligible.” Also they broke up the “familiar rhythms” because they were not “congenial to modern English.” Then is it not legitimate to ask whether they have not made changes of other sorts to suit their fancy, even perhaps for the sake of change, in the words of God? The answer is yes, as you will see below.

### WHAT HAVE WE LOST IN THESE NEW VERSIONS?

First, let us ask, Why should there be any loss at all? Why should we not expect all the changes in a new version of the Bible to be improvements to the reader's ability to read and readily understand God's words? If, as most all the new translators affirm, this confessedly magnificent work, the *King James Version*, is a unique blend of genius, taste and learning; is so admirable in so many ways, then why not merely remove the archaic language, the relatively few mistranslations, the grammatical blemishes, and substitute the proper English translations in those places by words based strictly on the original Hebrew and Greek languages? Then through such an updated version we could continue to admire and use it for another 380 years. Why deliberately try to “forget” the familiar words and rhythms of the grand old *King James Version*? Is this not simply an excuse to tamper with the true message of the Bible by substituting words favored by the ‘translator’? If not, why do they change the original words, even changing the consonants of the Hebrew in order to suit their personal interpretations? Millions, on the one hand, are trying to memorize the *King James Version* rendering of the Scriptures, yet a handful of translators are trying to “forget” it. Worse, they seem to want to obliterate it eventually from the minds of all who have memorized it and have obeyed its commands. This seems unnecessary, even callous.

The explanation in part may be found in the kind of changes you will find in the new versions. Note the following losses to lovers of God's Word:

1. There is the loss of literally thousands of words, dozens of phrases, and a great many entire verses (such as the last twelve verses of Mark's Gospel). But this is not all. By a clever change of wording, and even the order of the words, there is a loss of the message God gave us in the original languages.

2. Thousands of verses engraved in the hearts of God's people are now unnecessarily changed as a matter of policy, perhaps with the purpose of portraying all who adhere to the *King James Version* as antiquated curiosities who are irrelevant to the times we live in.

3. There is a studied effort to change the terminology of the Bible. And this appears to be related to an effort to make the Bible palatable to unbelievers, or to disobedient believers. For in them we see that *Propitiation* becomes merely “a remedy for the defilement of sins.” *Justification by faith* is marred by presenting faith as a meritorious work that procures righteousness: “He who through faith is righteous shall live” is put in place of the simple and wonderful statement of the Scriptures, “**the just shall live by faith.**” The God-breathed inspiration of the Scriptures is diluted, until only this appears: “every inspired Scripture has its use” (2 Tim. 3:16). *Redemption* becomes a mere “release.” In one new version *faith* is only an “awakening;” *believing* degenerates into a simple “yielding of allegiance;” *Righteousness* is but “goodness;” and *the*

*demon-possession* so prevalent in Jesus' day becomes nothing more than "epilepsy" (Matt. 4:24). *Fornication* becomes merely "sexual immorality." And one new version all but completely eliminates the precious *blood* of the Savior from its pages. It is no wonder such versions are rejected by faithful servants of God once they find out what these misguided men are doing to the Scriptures.

4. There is an attempt to erase from the Scriptures certain miracles in the Bible. The miraculous darkness on Resurrection Day is translated as a mere "eclipse," although it is impossible for an eclipse of the sun to occur when there is a full moon. The birth of our Savior from a virgin is a victim of the new theology, by translating the word in the Old Testament as "young woman," rather than virgin. This is followed up in the New Testament by removing the key word "**firstborn**" from Matthew 1:25; and by making Joseph the actual father of Jesus by dropping words, or adding words in other verses.

5. The Godhood of the Lord Jesus Christ is blurred and slurred by mistranslations in many places. In one new version our Savior God is called an "only-begotten God" (John 1:18) instead of the "**only-begotten Son**." This makes Him to be "begotten" rather than the eternal, always existing, essential God that He truly is. By removing proof texts such as Roman 9:5; and 1 Timothy 3:15, Jesus is not depicted in the new versions as "**God manifest in the flesh**," nor as "**God over all, blessed forever**." Our Savior's omnipresence is denied by leaving out "**who is in Heaven**" from John 3:13; and His essential goodness is denied by a complete recasting of His answer to the rich young ruler. The unique value of His work is denied in many ways and in many places. For instance, in Heb. 1:3 we see purification for sins, but not for *our* sins. In Rom. 8:26 there is intercession, but it is not for *us*. In 1 Peter 4:1, there is suffering, but not for *us*. In 2 Peter 3:9, He is long-suffering, but not toward *us*. In 1 John 3:25 He appears to take away sins, but not *our* sins. All of these mistranslations may be traced back to the first centuries after the death of Christ, and they may be proven to be the work of heretics who desired to dilute the Scriptures. This is particularly true of the Gnostic heretics who flourished in the first three centuries, especially in Egypt. Yet here we have men coming along in the twentieth century and reinserting these heresies in what they boldly call a "Holy Bible."

6. Many other 'cardinal' doctrines of the Scriptures fall victim to this free-wheeling treatment of the words of God. The sanctity of marriage was denied by some early heretics, and now you will find it deleted or questioned in the new versions. The sinlessness of Christ is contradicted by the handling of Matt. 5:22, where He is made liable to the Judgment. And of course He could not be sinless unless He had been born of a virgin and fathered by the Holy Spirit of God. The Ascension of Christ back to His place in Heaven is left out in three of the four places where it is affirmed in the Scriptures, or footnotes effectively put it in doubt. The very inerrancy of the Scriptures is constantly denied by the nature of the changes, or put under a cloud of doubts by the footnotes. Many other such like things can be shown to be the effect of the changes made in the new versions.

7. Bald misrepresentation of the meanings of original words can be seen throughout the new versions. For example, in 1 Cor. 7 the word plainly

meaning “touch” is mistranslated “marry.” This is nothing more than an attempt to put the translator’s interpretation into the text. Figures of speech in the original languages are ignored, deliberately changed, (plurals are even changed to singulars, and vice versa) in order to allow the ‘translator’ to rewrite the Bible. The examples are too numerous to mention in this preface.

### WHAT IS CHANGED IN THE MODERN KING JAMES VERSION?

1. First, of course, archaic language has been replaced by the English of today. Few today know the meaning of such words as *traw*, *wot*, *bruit*, *champaign*, *neesing*, *tabering*, *fray*, etc. Those familiar with Elizabethan English must constantly be translating in their heads as they read such words. If speaking to others they feel obliged to translate for them. This slows or disturbs understanding.

2. Words that have changed in meaning have been replaced. *Let* no longer means “to hinder” today. *Conversation* nowadays refers to talk, not behavior. There are a number of such words in the beloved *Authorized Version*.

3. In the 17th century, sentence formation and word formation were quite different. Although the pronoun *you* had just then come into common use, there was still much use of *Thou*, *thee*, *thy* etc. Such helper words as *didst*, *dost*, *doth*, etc. were normal. The adding of *-est*, *-eth*, *-st* to words was common. Since these are a hindrance to quick understanding, in this version they are replaced by modern usage.

4. In many places in the old version there are translations that fail to squarely meet the meanings of the original words, as recognized by nearly everyone. And for this reason in the margins that have appeared in many KJV Bibles for the past 250 years can be found suggested changes, or alternate translations. In this *Modern King James Version* we have at many places brought these better-attested translations into the text. Also where the KJV sentence construction obscures the overall meaning of a passage, clarifying language from the original language is substituted; *strictly on a word-for-word basis*. All these changes can be verified by referring to a Hebrew or Greek lexicon-dictionary, or to *The Interlinear Bible*.

5. There are a few places where scientific research has improved our understanding of certain original Hebrew words. In this version this appears mainly in the names of the animals and birds.

6. No improvement has been made without referring to the original languages. No change has been made on the basis of a mere handful of Egyptian-influenced manuscripts, but all are based on the original words of the Masoretic Text, or the Received Text.

7. The names of places are sometimes translated to add to the understanding of the reader (e.g. **The Valley of the Giants; The Graves of Lust; The Well of the Living One, My Beholder;**” etc.)

8. The persons of the Godhead, and pronouns referring to them, are capitalized for quick recognition of the Person in view.

9. The titles of the Psalms are most often translated to inform the reader.

10. At times where paraphrasing was used by the King James translators as a means of conveying truth to their readers, (most of whom were barely able to



read,) is at times replaced by a word or two which accurately reflects the original. For example, in the old KJV we read: “**Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay.**” But in the original Hebrew it reads, “**O your perversity! Shall the Former be counted as the clay?**” (Isa. 29:16 in the MKJV). In the KJV there are 16 words in Isa. 50:4: “**that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary**” But in this version the original yields only these 8 words, “**to know to help the weary with a word.**”

11. In italicizing words not in the original for sense, we have sometimes been more strict than the KJV translators.

12. Verses most often memorized have not been changed, except by removing the Elizabethan English endings (*-est, -eth, -st, etc.*).

## **NOW YOU CAN ENJOY THE GRAND OLD AUTHORIZED VERSION/KING JAMES VERSION IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE**

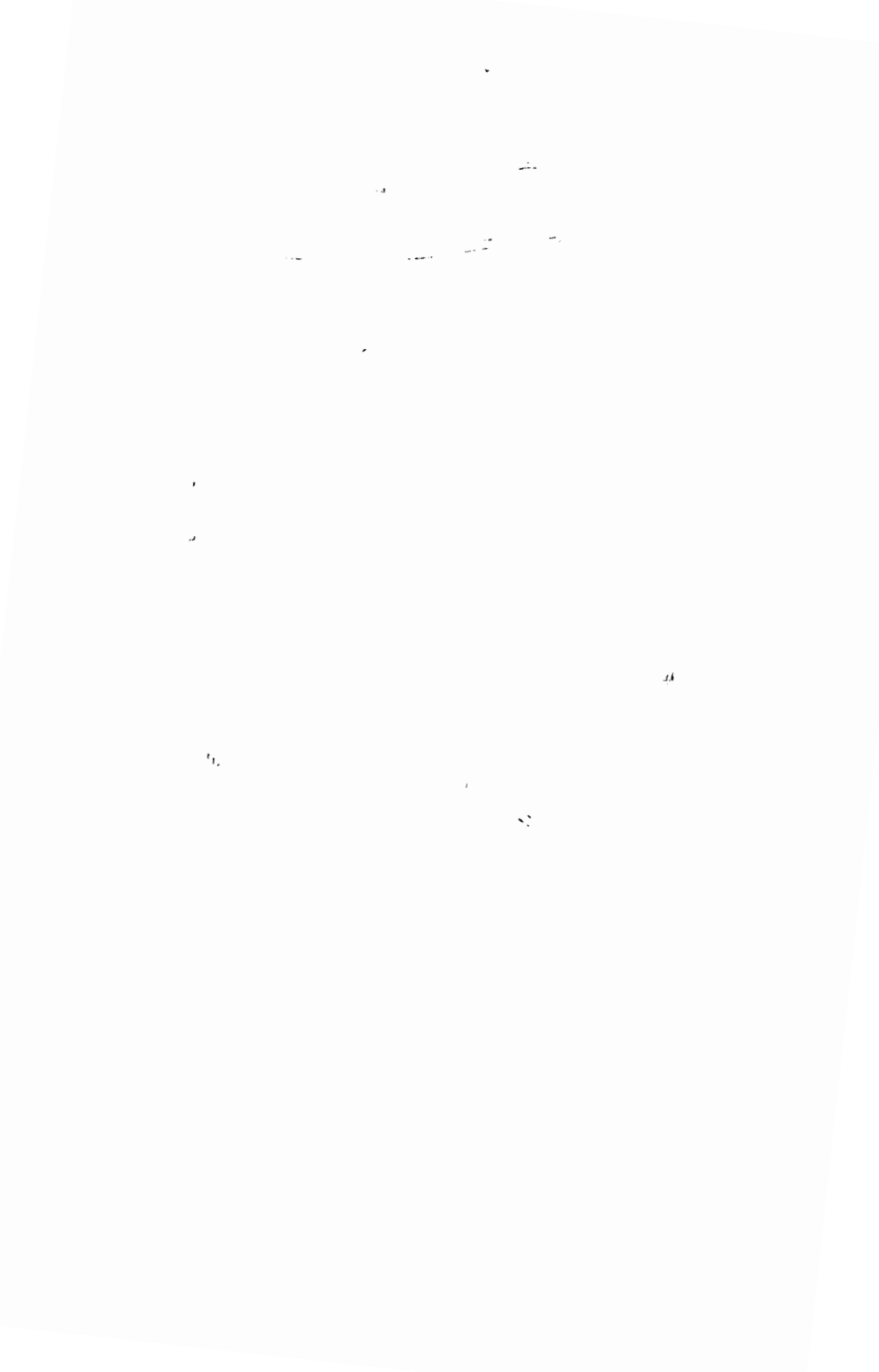
At last you can have in your own language the version God has blessed for the past 380 years. You will be blessed more than ever as you read the beloved old *King James Version* in pure, clear English, the English of today. In our day the Elizabethan English of the old *AV/KJV* is nearly a foreign language. Even if by long study you have learned to master the meaning of the quaint, archaic words, you are no doubt hindered by having to translate in your head the 17th century words in the old *King James Version*. And increasingly the younger readers are resisting having to learn the out-of-date words and idioms of the old *KJV* enough to understand them.

“**The words of the LORD are pure words,**” (Psalm 12:6) and if they are truly God’s words, you will find them more powerful than ever in today’s English. You no longer have to read the pure words of God in the strangeness of yesterday’s English in order to have a Bible you trust. You have tested and proven the *King James Version*, and having it in your own brand of English will just make it more precious to your soul. You will find it easier and more blessed now to think God’s thoughts after Him. Only a great God could preserve His word through the centuries, and compose it so that it speaks to every heart in every language. For 380 years He has blessed the reading of the grand old version. But you must know that in the present generation there has been a falling away from the *King James Version due to the language difficulties. We are commanded to live “by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”* — now He has provided you with the *King James Version* in your native language in this *Modern King James Version*, without the adulteration of God’s word by man-breathed words.

Share the good news with your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Let them know how much more understandable the *King James Version* is in this **Modern King James Version**. You will find that the Gospel is clearer, plainer, and more powerful when it reaches immediately into your heart and mind.

May God bless you as you read it and share it in this modern-day form.

Jay P. Green, Sr.  
Revising Editor



# THE MODERN KING JAMES VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE

## THE BOOK OF GENESIS

### CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the earth was without form and empty. And darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, Let there be light. And there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light that *it was* good. And God divided between the light and the darkness. <sup>5</sup>And God called the light, Day. And He called the darkness, Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse, and divided the waters which *were* under the expanse from the waters which *were* above the expanse; and it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse, Heavens. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place, and let the dry *land* appear; and it was so. <sup>10</sup>And God called the dry *land*, Earth. And He called the gathering together of the waters, Seas. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, Let the earth bring forth tender sprouts (*the* herb yielding seed *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed *is* in itself) upon the earth; and it was so. <sup>12</sup>And the earth brought forth tender sprouts — *the* herb yielding seed after its kind — and the tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose *seed was* in itself. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>13</sup>And the evening and the morning were the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>And let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth. And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night — and the stars *also*. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>and to rule over the day and over the night; and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>19</sup>And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, Let the waters swarm *with* swarmer *having* a living soul; and let birds fly over the earth on the face of the expanse of the heavens. <sup>21</sup>And God created great sea-animals, and every living soul that creeps *with* which the waters swarmed after their kind; and every winged fowl after its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas and let the fowl multiply in the earth. <sup>23</sup>And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creepers, and each animal of the earth after its kind; and it was so.

<sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and all creepers upon the earth after their kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

<sup>26</sup>And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

<sup>27</sup>And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth. <sup>29</sup>And God said, Behold! I have given you every herb bearing seed which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree which *has* in it the fruit of a tree yielding seed) — to you it shall be for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every living thing of the earth, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to every creeper on the earth which *has* in it a living soul shall be every greenness of herbage for food; and it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made. And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. <sup>3</sup>And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it — because in it He had rested from all His work which God created to make.

<sup>4</sup>These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they *were* created in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>and every shrub of the field was not yet on the earth, and every plant of the field had not yet sprung up. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground. <sup>6</sup>But there went up from the earth a mist and watered the whole face of the ground. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden. And there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God caused every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, to grow. The tree of life also *was* in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>And a river went out of Eden to water the garden. And from there it was divided and became four heads. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first *is* Pishon; that *is it* which surrounds all the land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. <sup>12</sup>And the gold of that land *is* good. There *is* bdellium and the onyx stone. <sup>13</sup>And the name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the same that surrounds the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>And the name of the third river *is* Tigris; that *is it* which goes toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, <sup>17</sup>but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. <sup>19</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every fowl of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called *each* living creature, that *was* its name. <sup>20</sup>And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field. But there was not found a suitable helper

for Adam. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman. And He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And Adam said, *This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.* <sup>24</sup>Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And they were both naked, the man and his wife; and *they* were not ashamed.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any living thing of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, *Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. <sup>3</sup>But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.* <sup>4</sup>And the serpent said to the woman, *You shall not surely die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.* <sup>6</sup>And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food — and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise — she took of the fruit of it, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>And the eyes of both of them were opened. And they knew that they *were* naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made girdles for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God in the middle of the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, *Where **are** you?* <sup>10</sup>And he said, *I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.* <sup>11</sup>And He said, *Who told you that you **were** naked? Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat?* <sup>12</sup>And the man said, *The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.* <sup>13</sup>And the LORD God said to the woman, *What is this that you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.*

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD God said to the serpent, *Because you have done this you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed — He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.* <sup>16</sup>To the woman He said, *I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bear sons, and your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you. <sup>17</sup>And to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree — of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it! — cursed is the ground for your sake. In pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup>In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you **are**, and to dust you shall return.* <sup>20</sup>And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And for Adam and his wife the LORD God made coats of skins, and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD God said, *Behold, the man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever, <sup>23</sup>therefore the LORD God sent him out from the*

garden of Eden to till the ground from which he had been taken.<sup>24</sup> And He drove out the man. And He placed cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Adam knew Eve his wife. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.<sup>2</sup> And she bore again, his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.<sup>3</sup> And in the end of days, it happened, Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground.<sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat of it. And the LORD had respect to Abel and to his offering,<sup>5</sup> but He did not have respect to Cain and to his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his face fell.<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why did your face fall?<sup>7</sup> If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door; and its desire *is* for you, and you shall rule over it.

<sup>8</sup>And Cain talked with his brother Abel. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.<sup>9</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?<sup>10</sup> And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground.<sup>11</sup> And now you *are* cursed more than the ground which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.<sup>12</sup> When you till the ground, it will not again give its strength to you. And you shall be a vagabond and a fugitive in the earth.<sup>13</sup> And Cain said to the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.<sup>14</sup> Behold! You have driven me out from the face of the earth today, and I shall be hidden from Your face. And I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth, and it shall be *that* anyone who finds me shall kill me.<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, Therefore whoever kills Cain shall suffer revenge seven times. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain so that anyone who found him should not kill him.<sup>16</sup> And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and lived in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.<sup>17</sup> And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.

<sup>18</sup>And Irad was born to Enoch. And Irad fathered Mehujael. And Mehujael fathered Methusael. And Methusael fathered Lamech.<sup>19</sup> And Lamech took two wives to himself. The name of the first one was Adah, and the name of the other was Zillah.<sup>20</sup> And Adah bore Jabal — he was the father of those who dwell in tents, and with cattle.<sup>21</sup> And his brother's name *was* Jubal — he was the father of all those playing the harp and the organ.<sup>22</sup> And Zillah also bore Tubalcain, the hammerer of every engraving tool of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.<sup>23</sup> And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, you wives of Lamech, listen to my speech. For I have killed a man because of my wound, and a young man because of my hurt.<sup>24</sup> For Cain *is* avenged seven times, and Lamech seventy-seven times.

<sup>25</sup>And Adam knew his wife again. And she bore a son, and called his name Seth. For she said, God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.<sup>26</sup> And there was also a son born to Seth, and he called his name Enos. Then *men* began to call upon the name of the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.<sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and blessed them. And He called their name Adam in the day when they were created.<sup>3</sup> And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and fathered a son in his own

likeness, after his own image. And he called his name Seth. <sup>4</sup>And the days of Adam after he had fathered Seth were eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years. And he died.

<sup>6</sup>And Seth lived one hundred and five years and fathered Enos. <sup>7</sup>And after he fathered Enos, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup>And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years. And he died. <sup>9</sup>And Enos lived ninety years and fathered Cainan. <sup>10</sup>And after he fathered Cainan, Enos lived eight hundred and fifteen years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>11</sup>And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years. And he died. <sup>12</sup>And Cainan lived seventy years and fathered Mahalaleel. <sup>13</sup>And after he fathered Mahalaleel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup>And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died. <sup>15</sup>And Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and fathered Jared. <sup>16</sup>And after he fathered Jared, Mahalaleel lived eight hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>17</sup>And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety-five years. And he died.

<sup>18</sup>And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years and fathered Enoch. <sup>19</sup>And after he fathered Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup>And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years. And he died. <sup>21</sup>And Enoch lived sixty-five years and fathered Methuselah. <sup>22</sup>And Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup>And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. <sup>24</sup>And Enoch walked with God, and then he was not — for God took him.

<sup>25</sup>And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and fathered Lamech. <sup>26</sup>And after he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup>And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years. And he died. <sup>28</sup>And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and fathered a son. <sup>29</sup>And he called his name Noah, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed. <sup>30</sup>And after he fathered Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>31</sup>And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years. And he died. <sup>32</sup>And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and when daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup>it came to pass that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* good. And they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, in his erring; he *is* flesh. Yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>There were giants in the earth in those days. And also after that, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore to them, the same *became* mighty men who were of old, men of renown. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was angry to His heart. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air. For I repent that I have made them. <sup>8</sup>But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>These *are* the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God looked upon the earth. And, behold, it was corrupted! For all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And, behold, I will destroy them *with* the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make an ark of cypress wood. You shall make rooms in the ark. And you shall pitch it inside and outside with pitch. <sup>15</sup>And this is the way you shall make it. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it *shall be* fifty cubits and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>You shall make a window in the ark, and you shall finish it above to a cubit. And you shall set the door of the ark in the side of it. You shall make it with lower, second and third stories. <sup>17</sup>And behold! I, even I, am bringing a flood of waters upon the earth in order to destroy all flesh (in which *is* the breath of life) from under the heavens. Everything which *is* in the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And you shall bring into the ark two of every kind, of every living thing of all flesh, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Two of every kind shall come to you to keep *them* alive; of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind. <sup>21</sup>And take for yourself all food that is eaten, and you shall gather for yourself. And it shall be for food, for you and for them. <sup>22</sup>Noah did so, according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Noah, You and all your house come into the ark, for I have seen you righteous before Me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>You shall take with you every clean animal by sevens, the male and female. And take two of the animals that *are* not clean, the male and female. <sup>3</sup>Also take of the fowls of the air by sevens, the male and the female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven more days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights. And I will destroy from off the face of the earth every living thing that I have made. <sup>5</sup>And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. <sup>6</sup>And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. <sup>7</sup>And Noah went in. And his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went in with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup>Of the clean animals, and of the animals that were not clean, and of the fowls, and of everything that creeps on the earth, <sup>9</sup>two by two they went in to Noah into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

<sup>10</sup>And after seven days it came to pass that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. <sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, in the seventeenth day of the month, in this day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened up. <sup>12</sup>And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>In this same day, Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark. <sup>14</sup>They *went in*, and every animal after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after its kind, every bird of every sort. <sup>15</sup>And they went in to Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, in which *is* the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And they that entered, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.



<sup>17</sup>And the flood was upon the earth forty days. And the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. <sup>18</sup>And the waters prevailed and were increased greatly upon the earth. And the ark floated upon the face of the waters. <sup>19</sup>And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth. And all the high hills that *were* under the whole heaven were covered. <sup>20</sup>The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. <sup>21</sup>And all flesh that moved upon the face of the earth died, of birds, of cattle, of animal, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; and every man. <sup>22</sup>All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry land, died. <sup>23</sup>And every living thing which *was* on the face of the earth was destroyed, from man to cattle, and to the creeping things, and the fowls of the heavens. And they were destroyed from the earth, and only Noah was left, and those that *were* with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup>And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle which *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. <sup>2</sup>Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and rain from heaven was restrained. <sup>3</sup>And the waters returned from off the earth continually. And after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters had gone down.

<sup>4</sup>And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup>And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. And the tops of the mountains were seen in the tenth month on the first day of the month. <sup>6</sup>And it happened, at the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. <sup>7</sup>And he sent forth a raven, and it went out, going out and returning until the waters were dried up from off the earth. <sup>8</sup>He also sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth. <sup>9</sup>But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned to him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her in to him into the ark.

<sup>10</sup>And he waited yet another seven days. And again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>And the dove came in to him in the evening. And, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off. So Noah knew that the waters had gone down from off the earth. <sup>12</sup>And he waited yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more.

<sup>13</sup>And it happened in the six hundred and first year, at the beginning on the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And, behold, the face of the earth was dry! <sup>14</sup>And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup>And God spoke to Noah, saying, <sup>16</sup>Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that *is* with you, of all flesh, of fowl, of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, so that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth. <sup>18</sup>And Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. <sup>19</sup>Every animal, every fowl, and every creeping thing which creeps upon the earth after their families, went forth out of the ark.

<sup>20</sup>And Noah built an altar to the LORD. And he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD smelled a sweet odor. And the LORD said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, even though the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from

his youth. And I will not again smite every living thing as I have done. <sup>22</sup>While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And God blessed Noah and his sons. And He said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon the animals of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moves on the earth, and upon all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herb. <sup>4</sup>But you shall not eat of flesh with the life in it, or the blood of it. <sup>5</sup>And surely the blood of your lives will I require. At the hand of every animal will I require it, and at the hand of man. At the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. <sup>6</sup>Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man; for He made man in the image of God. <sup>7</sup>And you be fruitful and multiply. Bring forth abundantly in the earth, and increase in it.

<sup>8</sup>And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, <sup>9</sup>Behold! I, even I, establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you; <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that *is* with you, of the birds, of the cattle, and of every animal of the earth with you; from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth. <sup>11</sup>And I will establish My covenant with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. Neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. <sup>12</sup>And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature with you, for everlasting generations: <sup>13</sup>I set my rainbow in the cloud. And it shall be a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>And it shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud. <sup>15</sup>And I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>And the rainbow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

<sup>17</sup>And God said to Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

<sup>18</sup>And the sons of Noah that went out of the ark *were* Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham is the father of Canaan. <sup>19</sup>These *are* the three sons of Noah, and the whole earth was overspread from them.

<sup>20</sup>And Noah began *to be* a husbandman. And he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup>And he drank of the wine and was drunk. And he was uncovered inside his tent. <sup>22</sup>And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. <sup>23</sup>And Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid *it* upon both their shoulders. And they went backwards and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces *were* backwards, and they did not see their father's nakedness. <sup>24</sup>And Noah awoke from his wine, and came to know what his younger son had done to him. <sup>25</sup>And he said, Cursed be Canaan. He shall be a servant of servants to his brothers. <sup>26</sup>And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant. <sup>27</sup>God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem. And Canaan shall be their servant.

<sup>28</sup>And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. <sup>29</sup>And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years. And he died.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons *were* born to them after the flood. <sup>2</sup>The sons of Japheth: Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Javan: Elishah and Tarshish and Kittim and Dodanim. <sup>5</sup>By these were the coasts of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

<sup>6</sup>And the sons of Ham: Cush and Mizraim and Phut and Canaan. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. <sup>8</sup>And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. <sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup>Out of that land he went forth to Assyria. And he built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, <sup>12</sup>and Resen between Nineveh and Calah, which is a great city. <sup>13</sup>And Mizraim fathered Ludim and Aniamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim, <sup>14</sup>and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines) and Caphtorim. <sup>15</sup>And Canaan fathered Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth, <sup>16</sup>and the Jebusite and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, <sup>17</sup>and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, <sup>18</sup>and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. And afterward the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad.

<sup>19</sup>And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon (as you come to Gerar) to Gaza, as you go in towards Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboim, even to Lasha. <sup>20</sup>These *were* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

<sup>21</sup>And to Shem were born, even him, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. <sup>22</sup>The sons of Shem: Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. <sup>23</sup>And the sons of Aram: Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash, <sup>24</sup>And Arpachshad fathered Salah; and Salah fathered Eber. <sup>25</sup>And two sons were born to Eber. The name of the one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. And his brother's name was Joktan. <sup>26</sup>And Joktan fathered Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah, <sup>27</sup>and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah, <sup>28</sup>and Obal and Abimael and Sheba, <sup>29</sup>and Ophir and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup>And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go to Sephar, a mountain of the east. <sup>31</sup>These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, and after their nations.

<sup>32</sup>These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations. And from these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. <sup>2</sup>And it happened, as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar. And they lived there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, Come, let us make brick and burn *them* thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. <sup>4</sup>And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower, and its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of Adam had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, Behold! The people is one and they all have one language. And this they begin to do. And now nothing which they have imagined to do will be restrained from them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let Us go

down and there confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech. <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore the name of it is called Babel; because the LORD confused the language of all the earth there. And from there the LORD scattered them abroad on the face of all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. <sup>11</sup>And after he fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived five hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>12</sup>And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and fathered Salah. <sup>13</sup>And after he fathered Salah, Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup>And Salah lived thirty years and fathered Eber. <sup>15</sup>And after he fathered Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>16</sup>And Eber lived thirty-four years and fathered Peleg. <sup>17</sup>And after he fathered Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup>And Peleg lived thirty years and fathered Reu. <sup>19</sup>After he fathered Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup>And Reu lived thirty-two years and fathered Serug. <sup>21</sup>And after he fathered Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>22</sup>And Serug lived thirty years and fathered Nahor. <sup>23</sup>And after he fathered Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>24</sup>And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and fathered Terah. <sup>25</sup>And after he fathered Terah, Nahor lived a hundred and nineteen years. And he fathered sons and daughters. <sup>26</sup>And Terah lived seventy years and fathered Abram, Nahor and Haran.

<sup>27</sup>Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran fathered Lot. <sup>28</sup>And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. <sup>29</sup>And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai. And the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

<sup>30</sup>But Sarai was barren. She *had* no child. <sup>31</sup>And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. And *he* went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan. And they came to Haran and lived there. <sup>32</sup>And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years. And Terah died in Haran.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>4</sup>And Abram departed, even as the LORD had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gained in Haran. And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to the LORD who appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel. And he pitched his tent *with* Bethel toward the sea and Hai

on the east. And he built an altar there to the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

<sup>10</sup>And there was a famine in the land. And Abram went down into Egypt to stay there, for the famine was grievous in the land. <sup>11</sup>And it happened, when he had come near to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that you *are* a beautiful woman to look upon. <sup>12</sup>And it will be when the Egyptians see you, they shall say, This *is* his wife. And they will kill me, but they will save you alive. <sup>13</sup>I pray you, say that you *are* my sister, so that it may be well with me for your sake. And my soul shall live because of you. <sup>14</sup>And it happened when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman *was* very beautiful. <sup>15</sup>The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her before Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup>And he treated Abram well for her sake. And he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup>And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What *is* this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she *was* your wife? <sup>19</sup>Why did you say, She *is* my sister? And so I was about to take *her* to me as wife. Now therefore behold your wife. Take her and go your way. <sup>20</sup>And Pharaoh commanded men concerning him. And they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he *had*, (and Lot *was* with him) into the south. <sup>2</sup>And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold. <sup>3</sup>And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been from the beginning, between Bethel and Hai, <sup>4</sup>to the place of the altar which he had made there at the first. And Abram called on the name of the LORD there. <sup>5</sup>And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup>And the land was not able to bear them, that they might live together. For their substance was great, so that they could not live together. <sup>7</sup>And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived then in the land.

<sup>8</sup>And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray you, between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we *are* brothers. <sup>9</sup>*Is* not the whole land before you? I pray you, separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if *you go* to the right *hand*, then I will go to the left. <sup>10</sup>And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was all well watered (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah,) even like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you come to Zoar. <sup>11</sup>And Lot chose all the plain of Jordan for himself. And Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves from one another. <sup>12</sup>Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom. <sup>13</sup>But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD, exceedingly so.

<sup>14</sup>And after Lot was separated from him, the LORD said to Abram, Lift up your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward and southward, and eastward and westward. <sup>15</sup>For all the land which you see I will give to you, and to your seed forever. <sup>16</sup>And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be counted. <sup>17</sup>Rise up and walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for I will give it to you. <sup>18</sup>And Abram moved *his* tent and came to live in the plains of Mamre, which is in Hebron. And he built an altar to the LORD there.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, <sup>2</sup>they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which *is* Zoar. <sup>3</sup>All these were joined together in the valley of Siddim, which *is* the salt sea. <sup>4</sup>They served Chedorlaomer twelve years, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. <sup>5</sup>And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that *were* with him came and struck the giants in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, <sup>6</sup>and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness. <sup>7</sup>And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazezon-tamar. <sup>8</sup>And the king of Sodom went out, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (which *is* Zoar). And they joined battle with them in the valley of Siddim; <sup>9</sup>with Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal the king of nations, and Amraphel the king of Shinar, and Arioch the king of Ellasar — four kings with five. <sup>10</sup>And the valley of Siddim *had* many asphalt pits. And the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. <sup>11</sup>And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went their way. <sup>12</sup>And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom, and all his goods, and went away.

<sup>13</sup>And there came one who had escaped. And he told Abram the Hebrew, for he lived in the plains of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner. And these had a covenant with Abram. <sup>14</sup>And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained *servants*, born in his own house (three hundred and eighteen) and pursued *them* to Dan. <sup>15</sup>And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants. And he struck them, and pursued them to Hobah, which *is* on the left of Damascus. <sup>16</sup>And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

<sup>17</sup>And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's valley. <sup>18</sup>And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought forth bread and wine. And he *was* the priest of the most high God. <sup>19</sup>And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth. <sup>20</sup>And blessed be the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

<sup>21</sup>And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people and take the goods for yourself. <sup>22</sup>And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of Heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup>that I will not take anything that is yours, not from a thread even to a shoestring, lest you say, I have made Abram rich. <sup>24</sup>Nothing for me, only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your shield and your exceeding great reward. <sup>2</sup>And Abram said, Lord God, what will You give me, since I *am* childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, Behold, You have given no seed to me. And behold, one born in my house is my heir. <sup>4</sup>And behold, the

word of the LORD *came* to him saying, This one shall not be your heir. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir. <sup>5</sup>And He brought him outside and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be. <sup>6</sup>And he believed in the LORD. And He counted it to him for righteousness. <sup>7</sup>And He said to him, I *am* the LORD that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it. <sup>8</sup>And he said, Lord God, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it? <sup>9</sup>And He said to him, Take Me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. <sup>10</sup>And he took all these to himself, and divided them in the middle, and laid each piece against one another; but he did not divide the birds. <sup>11</sup>And when the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>And it happened *as* the sun was setting, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram. And, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him! <sup>13</sup>And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years. And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. <sup>14</sup>And afterward they shall come out with great substance. <sup>15</sup>And you shall go to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup>But in the fourth generation they shall come here again – for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. <sup>17</sup>And it happened, the sun went down, and it was dark and behold, a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp passed between those pieces. <sup>18</sup>In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup>the Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the giants, <sup>21</sup>and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, did not bear. And she *had* a slavegirl, an Egyptian, and her name *was* Hagar. <sup>2</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, Behold now, the LORD has kept me from bearing. I pray you, go in to my slavegirl. It may be that I may get children by her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her slavegirl, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife (after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan). <sup>4</sup>And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. <sup>5</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong *be* upon you. I have given my slavegirl into your bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between me and you. <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your slavegirl is in your hand. Do to her as it pleases you. And Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her face. <sup>7</sup>And the Angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And He said, Hagar, Sarai's slavegirl, where did you come from? and where will you go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. <sup>9</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to her, Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hands. <sup>10</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to her, I will multiply your seed exceedingly, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude. <sup>11</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to her, Behold, you *are* with child, and shall bear a son. And you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has heard your affliction. <sup>12</sup>And he will be a wild man. His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall live in the presence of all his brothers. <sup>13</sup>And she called the name of the LORD who had spoken to her, You God of vision! For she said, Even here have I looked after Him that sees

me? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called The Well of the Living One Seeing Me. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered. <sup>15</sup>And Hagar bore Abram a son. And Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup>And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And when Abram *was* ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, I *am* the Almighty God! Walk before Me and be perfect. <sup>2</sup>And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. <sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face. And God talked with him, saying, *As for* Me, behold! My covenant *is* with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>4</sup>Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham. For I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, greatly *so*, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. <sup>8</sup>And I will give the land to you in which you are a stranger, and to your seed after you, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. And I will be their God.

<sup>9</sup>And God said to Abraham, And you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. <sup>10</sup>This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you. Every man-child among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you. <sup>12</sup>And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations; he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger who *is* not of your seed. <sup>13</sup>He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your money, must be circumcised. And my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>And the uncircumcised man-child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name *shall be* Sarah. <sup>16</sup>And I will bless her, and give you a son also of her. Yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations, kings of people shall be from her. <sup>17</sup>And Abraham fell upon his face and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born to him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You! <sup>19</sup>And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed. And you shall call his name Isaac. And I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. <sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time in the next year. <sup>22</sup>And He left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

<sup>23</sup>And Abraham took his son Ishmael, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money; every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins in the same day, even as God said to him. <sup>24</sup>And Abraham was ninety-nine years old *when* he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>25</sup>And his son Ishmael was thirteen years old *when* he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>26</sup>In the same day Abraham and his son Ishmael *were* circumcised. <sup>27</sup>And all the men of his house, that were born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.



## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD appeared to him in the plains of Mamre, and he sat at the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him. And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground. <sup>3</sup>And *he* said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, do not pass away, I pray, from Your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water, I pray, be brought, and wash Your feet, and rest under the tree. <sup>5</sup>And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and you may comfort your hearts. After that You shall pass on. For this is why You are come to Your servant. And they said, Do so, as you have said. <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal; knead *it*, and make cakes. <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran out to the herd and brought a calf, tender and good. And he gave *it* to a young man. And he hurried to dress it. <sup>8</sup>And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them. And he stood by them under the tree, and they ate. <sup>9</sup>And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. <sup>10</sup>And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and lo, Sarah your wife *shall have* a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door which *was* behind Him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old and far gone in days, and it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am past age, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I, who am old, truly bear a child? <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return again, according to the time of life, and Sarah *shall have* a son. <sup>15</sup>Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

<sup>16</sup>And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. And Abraham was with them to bring them on the way. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do, <sup>18</sup>And Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the persons of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I know him, that he will command his sons and his house after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment, that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah *is* great, and because their sin is very grievous, <sup>21</sup>I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come to Me. And if not, I will know. <sup>22</sup>And the men turned their faces away from there, and went toward Sodom. But Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And Abraham drew near and said, Will You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from You to act in this manner, to kill the righteous with the wicked. And far be it from You, that the righteous should be as the wicked. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. <sup>27</sup>And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the LORD, who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Perhaps there will be five lacking from the fifty righteous. Will You destroy all the city for lack of five? And He said, If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it. <sup>29</sup>And he spoke to Him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake. <sup>30</sup>And he said, O let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Perhaps there shall be thirty found there. And He said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Lo now, I have taken upon me to speak to the LORD. Perhaps there

shall be twenty found there. And He said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake. <sup>32</sup>And he said, Oh do not let the LORD be angry, and I will speak only once more. Perhaps ten shall be found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went His way as soon as He had left off talking with Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And there came two angels to Sodom at evening. And Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. And Lot rose up to meet them when he saw them. And he bowed himself with his face toward the ground, <sup>2</sup>and said, Behold now, my lords, please turn into your servant's house and stay all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early and go your ways. And they said, No, but we will stay in the street all night. <sup>3</sup>But he urgently pressed on them, and they turned in to him and entered into his house. And he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. <sup>4</sup>But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both old and young, all the people from every quarter. <sup>5</sup>And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men which came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them. <sup>6</sup>And Lot went out to the door to them, and shut the door after him. <sup>7</sup>And he said, I pray you, brothers, do not act evilly. <sup>8</sup>Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man. I pray you, let me bring them out to you, and you do to them as is good in your eyes. But do nothing to these men, for this is why they came under the shadow of my roof.

<sup>9</sup>And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to stay, and must he judge always? Now we will deal worse with you than with them. And they pressed hard upon the man, Lot, and came near to breaking the door. <sup>10</sup>But the men put out their hands and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. <sup>11</sup>And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door. <sup>12</sup>And the men said to Lot, Have you anyone here besides yourself? Bring your sons-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whatever you have in the city, bring them out of this place. <sup>13</sup>For we will destroy this place because great *is* the cry of them before the face of the LORD. And the LORD has sent us to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And Lot went out and spoke with his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, Get up and get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked to his sons-in-law. <sup>15</sup>And when the morning rose up, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, Rise up! Take your wife and your two daughters who *are* here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city. <sup>16</sup>While he lingered, the angel laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters — the LORD being merciful to him — and they brought him forth and set him outside the city. <sup>17</sup>And it happened when *they* brought him outside, He said, Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, nor stay in all the plain. Escape to the mountain lest you be consumed. <sup>18</sup>And Lot said to them, Oh no, Lord, pray, <sup>19</sup>behold now, Your servant has found grace in Your sight, and You have magnified Your mercy, which You have shown to me in saving my life. And I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me and I die. <sup>20</sup>Behold now, this city is near to flee to, and it *is* a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. <sup>21</sup>And He said to him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city *for* which you have spoken. <sup>22</sup>Hurry and escape there! For I cannot do anything till you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. <sup>23</sup>The sun was risen upon the earth, and Lot entered into Zoar.

<sup>24</sup>Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from the LORD out of the heavens. <sup>25</sup>And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. <sup>26</sup>But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. <sup>27</sup>And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the lands of the plain, and saw, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. <sup>29</sup>And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, it came to pass that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

<sup>30</sup>And Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him. For he feared to live in Zoar, and he and his two daughters lived in a cave. <sup>31</sup>And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is no man in the earth to come in to us in the way of all the earth. <sup>32</sup>Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve seed of our father. <sup>33</sup>And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. And he did not notice when she lay down nor when she arose. <sup>34</sup>And it happened on the next day, the firstborn said to the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine this night also, and you go in and lie down with him so that we may preserve seed of our father. <sup>35</sup>And they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him. And he did not notice when she lay down nor when she arose. <sup>36</sup>So both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. <sup>37</sup>And the firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. <sup>38</sup>And the younger also bore a son, and called his name Benammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And Abraham moved from there toward the south country, and lived between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. <sup>2</sup>And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. And Abimelech the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. <sup>3</sup>But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you are as dead for the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife. <sup>4</sup>But Abimelech had not come near her. And he said, Lord, will You also kill a righteous nation? <sup>5</sup>Did he not say to me, She is my sister? And she, even she herself said, He is my brother. In the sincerity of my heart and innocency of my hands I have done this. <sup>6</sup>And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the sincerity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me. Therefore I did not allow you to touch her. <sup>7</sup>Now therefore, restore his wife to the man. For he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live. And if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you, and all that are yours. <sup>8</sup>And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears. And the men were greatly afraid. <sup>9</sup>Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, What have you done to us? In what have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done. <sup>10</sup>And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see that you have done this thing? <sup>11</sup>And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place, and they will kill me for my wife's sake. <sup>12</sup>And yet truly she is my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother. And she became my wife. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This is your kindness which you show to me, at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

<sup>14</sup>And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and men-servants and women-servants, and gave them to Abraham. And he restored him Sarah his wife.

<sup>15</sup>And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you. Live where it pleases you. <sup>16</sup>And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Behold, he is to you a covering of the eyes, to all that are with you, and with all *this*, you are justified. <sup>17</sup>And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his slavegirls, and they gave birth. <sup>18</sup>For the Lord had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said. And the LORD did to Sarah as He had spoken. <sup>2</sup>For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham called the name of his son that was born to him (whom Sarah bore to him) Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham *was* a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, God has made me laugh, so that all who hear will laugh with me. <sup>7</sup>And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah should have suckled children? For I have borne a son to him in his old age. <sup>8</sup>And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup>And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian (whom she had borne to Abraham) mocking. <sup>10</sup>And she said to Abraham, Cast out this slavegirl and her son. For the son of this slavegirl shall not be heir with my son, with Isaac. <sup>11</sup>And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight, because of his son. <sup>12</sup>And God said to Abraham, Let it not be grievous in your sight because of the boy and because of your slavegirl. In all that Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice. For in Isaac your seed shall be called. <sup>13</sup>And also, I will make a nation of the son of the slavegirl, because he is your seed. <sup>14</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave *it* to Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder. And *he gave her* the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup>And the water was gone in the bottle, and she cast the boy under one of the shrubs. <sup>16</sup>And she went and sat down across from him, a good way off, about a bowshot. For she said, Let me not see the death of the boy. And she sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and cried. <sup>17</sup>And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar out of the heavens, and said to her, What ails you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup>Rise up, lift up the boy and hold him up with your hand, for I will make him a great nation. <sup>19</sup>And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave drink to the boy. <sup>20</sup>And God was with the boy, and he grew, and lived in the wilderness, and became an archer. <sup>21</sup>And he lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>22</sup>And it happened at that time, Abimelech and Phicol, the chief captain of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you do. <sup>23</sup>Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. Do to me according to the kindness that I have sworn to you, and to the land in which you have lived. <sup>24</sup>And Abraham said, I will swear. <sup>25</sup>And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. <sup>26</sup>And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing, neither did you tell me, neither have I even heard of it, except today. <sup>27</sup>And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to

Abimelech, and both of them made a covenant. <sup>28</sup>And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. <sup>29</sup>And Abimelech said to Abraham, What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by yourselves? <sup>30</sup>And he said, For you shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, so that they may be a witness to me that I have dug this well. <sup>31</sup>This is why *he called* that place Beer-sheba, because they swore, both of them, there. <sup>32</sup>So they made a covenant at Beer-sheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol, the chief captain of his army, rose up. And they returned to the land of the Philistines. <sup>33</sup>And Abraham planted a tree in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. <sup>34</sup>And Abraham lived in the Philistines' land many days.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And happened after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Behold me. <sup>2</sup>And He said, Take now your son, your only one, Isaac, whom you love. And go into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will name to you. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham said to his young men, You stay here with the ass. And I and the boy will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son. And he took the fire in his hand, and a knife. And they both went together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father. And he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood. But where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

<sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering. So they both went together. <sup>9</sup>And they came to the place which God had told him of. And Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on the wood. <sup>10</sup>And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham! Abraham! And he said, Here *am* I. <sup>12</sup>And He said, Do not lay your hand on the lad, nor do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me.

<sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked. And, behold, a ram behind him was entangled in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Will See; so that it is said until this day, In the mount of Jehovah it will be seen.

<sup>15</sup>And the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham out of the heavens the second time, <sup>16</sup>and said, I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD; because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only one; <sup>17</sup>that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. <sup>18</sup>And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice. <sup>19</sup>Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

<sup>20</sup>And it happened after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold Milcah! She also has borne children to your brother Nahor: <sup>21</sup>Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, <sup>22</sup>and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. <sup>23</sup>And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. These

eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. <sup>24</sup>And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

### CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And Sarah was a hundred twenty seven years old, the years of the life of Sarah. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying, <sup>4</sup>*I am* a stranger and a visitor with you. Give me a possession of a burying-place with you, so that I may bury my dead out of my sight. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of Heth answered Abraham saying to him, <sup>6</sup>Hear us, my lord. You *are* a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choice of our burying places. None of us shall withhold from you his burying-place from burying your dead. <sup>7</sup>And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth. <sup>8</sup>And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and ask for me of Ephron the son of Zohar, <sup>9</sup>that he may give me the cave of Mach-pelah which he has, which *is* in the end of his field. For as much money as it is worth he shall give it to me for a possession of a burying-place among you. <sup>10</sup>And Ephron lived among the sons of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the ears of the sons of Heth, of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, <sup>11</sup>No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field, and the cave that *is* in it I give to you. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead. <sup>12</sup>And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. <sup>13</sup>And he spoke to Ephron in the ears of the people of the land, saying, Only if you would hear me. I will give you money for the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there. <sup>14</sup>And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, <sup>15</sup>My lord, listen to me. The land is *worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what *is* that between me and you? And bury your dead. <sup>16</sup>And Abraham listened to Ephron. And Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, *which* passes with the merchant. <sup>17</sup>And the field of Ephron was certified, which *was* Mach-pelah, which was before Mamre; the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees in the field, in all the borders round about, <sup>18</sup>to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

<sup>19</sup>And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave at the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan. <sup>20</sup>And the field, and the cave that *is* in it, were certified to Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And Abraham *was* old, going on in age. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup>And Abraham said to the oldest servant *of* his house, who ruled over all that he had, I pray you, put your hand under my thigh. <sup>3</sup>And I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of Heaven and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. <sup>4</sup>But you shall go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son Isaac. <sup>5</sup>And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I necessarily bring your son again to the land from which you came? <sup>6</sup>And Abraham said to him, Take care that you do not bring my son there again. <sup>7</sup>The LORD, the God of Heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, To your seed I will give this land: He shall send His Angel before you.

And you shall take a wife to my son from there. <sup>8</sup>And if the woman will not be willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this oath of mine. Only do not bring my son there again. <sup>9</sup>And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning the matter.

<sup>10</sup>And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed. For all the goods of his master *were* in his hand. And he arose, and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup>And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw. <sup>12</sup>And he said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, I pray You, send me good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup>Behold, I stand by the well of water. And the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. <sup>14</sup>And let it be that the young woman to whom I shall say, Let down your pitcher, please, so that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also. *Let her be the one* that You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by it I shall know that You have shown kindness to my master. <sup>15</sup>And before he had finished speaking, it came to pass that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, *with* her pitcher upon her shoulder. <sup>16</sup>And the young woman *was* very beautiful to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her. And she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. <sup>17</sup>And the servant ran to meet her, and said, please let me drink a little water of your pitcher. <sup>18</sup>And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. <sup>19</sup>And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking. <sup>20</sup>And she hurried, and emptied her pitcher in the trough, and ran again to the well to draw water. And she drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup>And the man was watching her, keeping silent, in order to know whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

<sup>22</sup>And it happened, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hand, weighing ten shekels of gold. <sup>23</sup>And he said, Whose daughter *are* you? Please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to stay? <sup>24</sup>And she said to him, *I am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. <sup>25</sup>And she said to him, We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to lodge in. <sup>26</sup>And the man bowed down his head, and worshiped the Lord. <sup>27</sup>And he said, Blessed be the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who has not left my master destitute of His mercy and His truth. The LORD led me, I being in the way to the house of my master's brothers. <sup>28</sup>And the young woman ran and told her mother's house these things. <sup>29</sup>And Rebekah *had* a brother, and his name *was* Laban. And Laban ran out to the man, to the well. <sup>30</sup>And it happened when he saw the earrings and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, So spoke the man to me, he came to the man. And behold, he stood by the camels at the well. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Come in, blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. <sup>32</sup>And the man came into the house. And he unloaded his camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were with him. <sup>33</sup>And there *was food* set before him to eat. But he said, I will not eat until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.

<sup>34</sup>And he said, *I am* Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>And the LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great. And *He* has given him flocks and herds and silver and gold, and male slaves and slavegirls, and camels and asses. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has given to him all that he *has*. <sup>37</sup>And my master made me swear, saying, You shall

not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live. <sup>38</sup>But you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son. <sup>39</sup>And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not follow me. <sup>40</sup>And he said to me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his Angel with you, and prosper your way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my kindred, and from my father's house. <sup>41</sup>Then shall you be clear from my oath when you come to my kindred, and if they do not give you *one*, you shall be clear from my oath. <sup>42</sup>And I came this day to the well, and said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now You prosper my way in which I go, <sup>43</sup>behold, I stand by the well of water. And it shall be when the virgin comes forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, please, a little water from your pitcher to drink, <sup>44</sup>and she say to me, Both you drink, and I will also draw for your camels, may she *be* the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son. <sup>45</sup>And before I finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder. And she went down to the well and drew water. And I said to her, Please let me drink. <sup>46</sup>And she hurried and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give drink to your camels also. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also. <sup>47</sup>And I asked her and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the earring upon her nose and the bracelets upon her hands. <sup>48</sup>And I bowed down my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son. <sup>49</sup>And now if you will deal kindly and truthfully with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me so that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

<sup>50</sup>And Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing has come forth from the LORD. We cannot speak to you bad or good. <sup>51</sup>Behold! Rebekah *is* before you; take *her* and go. And let her be the wife of your master's son, even as the LORD has spoken. <sup>52</sup>And it happened, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. <sup>53</sup>And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing, and gave *them* to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. <sup>54</sup>And they ate and drank, he and the men with him, and stayed all night. And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master. <sup>55</sup>And her brother and her mother said, Let the young woman stay with us perhaps ten days. After that she shall go. <sup>56</sup>And he said to them, Do not hinder me, *since* the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away, that I may go away to my master. <sup>57</sup>And they said, We will call the young woman and inquire at her mouth. <sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go. <sup>59</sup>And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, be the mother of thousands of millions, and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them. <sup>61</sup>And Rebekah rose up, and her young women, and they rode upon the camels and followed the man. And the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>And Isaac came from the way of the well, The Well of the Living One, my Beholder. For he lived in the south country. <sup>63</sup>And Isaac went out to meditate in the field *at the* beginning of the evening. And he lifted up his eyes, and looked. And behold, camels coming! <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and she saw Isaac. And she dismounted from the camel. <sup>65</sup>For she *had* said to the servant, What man is this that walks in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master. Therefore she took a veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent,



and took Rebekah, and she became his wife. And he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. <sup>2</sup>And she bore him Zimram, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. <sup>3</sup>And Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummin. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Midian: Ephah and Epher and Hanoah and Abida and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. <sup>6</sup>But to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts. And he sent them away from Isaac his son while he still lived, eastward to the east country. <sup>7</sup>And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life, which he lived: a hundred seventy-five years. <sup>8</sup>And Abraham expired and died in a good old age, old and satisfied. And he was gathered to his people. <sup>9</sup>And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre, the field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth. <sup>10</sup>There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife. <sup>11</sup>And after the death of Abraham, it came to pass that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac lived by The Well of the Living One, My Beholder.

<sup>12</sup>Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham. <sup>13</sup>And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations. The firstborn of Ishmael *was* Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, <sup>14</sup>and Mishma, and Duma, and Massa, <sup>15</sup>Hadad, and Tema and Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. <sup>16</sup>These *were* the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns and by their settlements; twelve chiefs according to their nations. <sup>17</sup>And these were the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years. And he expired and died, and was gathered to his people. <sup>18</sup>And they lived from Havilah to Shur, which *is* before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria. And he died in the presence of all his brothers. <sup>19</sup>And these *were* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham fathered Isaac. <sup>20</sup>And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren. And the LORD heard him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup>And the sons struggled together within her. And she said, *If it is so, why am I this way?* And she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her, *Two nations are in your womb, and two kinds of people shall be separated from your bowels. And the one people shall be stronger than the other people, the older shall serve the younger.* <sup>24</sup>And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, twins *were* in her womb! <sup>25</sup>And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment. And they called his name Esau. <sup>26</sup>And after that his brother came out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel. And his name *was* called Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup>And the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field. And Jacob *was* a plain man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>And Isaac loved Esau for game was in his mouth. But Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup>And Jacob boiled soup. And Esau came from the field, and he was faint. <sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, *I beg you, Let me eat of the red, this red soup, for I am faint.* Therefore his name was called Edom. <sup>31</sup>And Jacob said, *Sell me your birthright today.* <sup>32</sup>And Esau said, *Behold, I am at the point of dying, and what profit shall this birthright be to me?* <sup>33</sup>And Jacob said, *Swear to me this day.* And he swore to him, and he sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and soup of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up and went his way. And Esau despised his birthright.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And there was a famine in the land, besides the famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines to Gerar. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land which I shall tell you of. <sup>3</sup>Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you and to your seed I will give all these lands; and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. <sup>4</sup>And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these lands. And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws. <sup>6</sup>And Isaac lived in Gerar. <sup>7</sup>And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, She *is* my sister. For he feared to say, My wife; lest the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah, because she *was* beautiful of form. <sup>8</sup>And when he had been there a long time, it happened that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through the window, and saw; and behold! Isaac was caressing Rebekah his wife. <sup>9</sup>And Abimelech called Isaac and said, Behold! She surely *is* your wife. And why did you say, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die on account of her. <sup>10</sup>And Abimelech said, What *is* this you have done to us? One of the people might have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us. <sup>11</sup>And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. <sup>12</sup>Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him. <sup>13</sup>And the man became great. And he went forward and grew until he became very great. <sup>14</sup>And he *had* possession of flocks and possession of herds, and many servants. And the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>For all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them *with* earth. <sup>16</sup>And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are mightier than we are. <sup>17</sup>And Isaac departed from there, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and lived there. <sup>18</sup>And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. <sup>19</sup>And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of living water. <sup>20</sup>And the herdmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water *is* ours. And he called the name of the well Contention, because they strove with him. <sup>21</sup>And they dug another well, and they strove for that also. And he called the name of it Opposition. <sup>22</sup>And he moved from there, and dug another well, and they did not strive for that. And he called the name of it Broad Places. And he said, For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. <sup>23</sup>And he went from there to Beer-sheba. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD appeared to him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham your father. Do not fear, for I *am* with you, and will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake. <sup>25</sup>And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there. And Isaac's servants dug a well there. <sup>26</sup>Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. <sup>27</sup>And Isaac said to them, Why do you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you? <sup>28</sup>And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with you. And we said, Let there be now an oath between us, between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you; <sup>29</sup>that you will do us no harm since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing but good to you, and have sent you away in peace. You *are* now the blessed of the LORD. <sup>30</sup>And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup>And they rose up early in the morning, and swore

to one another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. <sup>32</sup>And the same day it happened, Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug. And they said to him, We have found water. <sup>33</sup>And he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city *is* Beer-sheba to this day.

<sup>34</sup>And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite; <sup>35</sup>who were a grief of spirit to Isaac and to Rebekah.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called his oldest son Esau and said to him, My son. <sup>2</sup>And he said to him, Behold, here *am I*. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>And now please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup>And make tasty meat for me, such as I love, and bring to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die. <sup>5</sup>And Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game in order to bring *it*. <sup>6</sup>And Rebekah spoke to her son Jacob, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying, <sup>7</sup>Bring me game, and make me tasty meat so that I may eat and bless you before the LORD before my death. <sup>8</sup>And now, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. <sup>9</sup>Go now to the flock, and bring me from there two good kids of the goats. And I will make them tasty meat for your father, such as he loves. <sup>10</sup>And you shall bring *it* to your father so that he may eat, and that he may bless you before his death. <sup>11</sup>And Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and *I am* a smooth man. <sup>12</sup>My father will perhaps feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver. And I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. <sup>13</sup>And his mother said to him, Your curse *be* upon me, my son, only obey my voice and go bring *them* to me. <sup>14</sup>And he went. And he took them and brought to his mother. And his mother made tasty meat such as his father loved. <sup>15</sup>And Rebekah took the clothes of her older son Esau, the costly ones which *were* with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. <sup>16</sup>And she put the skins from the kids of the goats on his hands, and on the smooth of his neck. <sup>17</sup>And she gave the tasty meat and the bread which she had prepared into the hand of her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup>And he came to his father and said, My father! And he said, Here *I am*; who *are* you, my son? <sup>19</sup>And Jacob said to his father, *I am* Esau your first-born. I have done as you asked me. Arise, I pray you, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me. <sup>20</sup>And Isaac said to his son, How *is it* that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD your God brought it to me. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I pray you, so that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* truly my son Esau or not. <sup>22</sup>And Jacob went near to Isaac his father. And he felt him and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands the hands of Esau. <sup>23</sup>And he did not know him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. And he blessed him. <sup>24</sup>And he said, *Are* you truly my son Esau? And he said, *I am*. <sup>25</sup>And he said, Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you. And he brought *it* near to him, and he ate. And he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup>And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now and kiss me, my son. <sup>27</sup>And he came near and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed. <sup>28</sup>And may God give you of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. <sup>29</sup>Let people serve you, and let nations bow down to you. Be lord over your

brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed *be* everyone that curses you, and blessed *be* he that blesses you.

<sup>30</sup>And it happened, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was scarcely gone from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. <sup>31</sup>And he also had made tasty meat and brought to his father. And he said to his father, Let my father arise and eat of his son's game so that your soul may bless me. <sup>32</sup>And his father Isaac said to him, Who *are* you? And he said, *I am* your son, your first-born, Esau. <sup>33</sup>And Isaac trembled with a great trembling, and said, Who then *was* the one who has hunted deer and brought to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? Yea, he shall be blessed! <sup>34</sup>And when Esau heard the voice of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, me also, O my father! <sup>35</sup>And he said, Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your blessing. <sup>36</sup>And he said, *It is* because his name *is* called Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me? <sup>37</sup>And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold! I have made him your lord, and all his brothers I have given him for servants. And *with* corn and wine I have supported him. And what shall I do now to you, my son? <sup>38</sup>And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>39</sup>And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold! Your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven from above. <sup>40</sup>And by your sword you shall live, and shall serve your brother. And it shall be when you shall have the dominion, you shall break his yoke from off your neck.

<sup>41</sup>And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning *for* my father are at hand. Then I will kill my brother Jacob. <sup>42</sup>And these words of her older son Esau were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, Behold, your brother Esau *is* going to ease himself on you, to kill you. <sup>43</sup>And now, my son, obey my voice and arise. Flee to my brother Laban, to Haran, <sup>44</sup>and stay with him a few days until your brother's fury turns away, <sup>45</sup>until your brother's anger turns away from you and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I also be bereaved of both of you *in* one day?

<sup>46</sup>And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these of the daughters of the land, what *good shall my life do* me?

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and commanded him. And he said to him, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father. And take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. <sup>3</sup>And may God almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, so that you may be a multitude of people. <sup>4</sup>And may He give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, so that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham. <sup>5</sup>And Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Padan-aram, to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

<sup>6</sup>And Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had him away to Padan-aram in order to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a

command, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; <sup>7</sup>and Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Padan-aram; <sup>8</sup>and when Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father; <sup>9</sup>then Esau went to Ishmael, and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to his wives he *added her* for his wife.

<sup>10</sup>And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he lighted upon a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took of the stones of that place, and placed *them* at his head. And he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed. And behold! A ladder was set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven! And behold! The angels of God *were* ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold! The LORD stood above it, and said, *I am* Jehovah, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac! The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your seed. <sup>14</sup>And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>And, behold, *I am* with you, and will keep you in every place where you go, and will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you until I have done that which I have spoken of to you. <sup>16</sup>And Jacob awakened from his sleep. And he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know. <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! This *is* nothing but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!

<sup>18</sup>And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone which he had put down at his head, and set it as a memorial pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>And he called the name of that place The House of God. But the name of that city was Luz at first. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup>and I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the LORD be my God. <sup>22</sup>And this stone which I have set *for* a pillar shall be God's house. And of all that You shall give me, I will surely give the tenth to You.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob lifted his feet and went to the land of the sons of the east. <sup>2</sup>And he looked, and behold, a well was in the field! And, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it, for they watered the flocks out of that well. And a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth. <sup>3</sup>And all the flocks were gathered there. And they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place. <sup>4</sup>And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where *are* you from? And they said, *We are* from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well. And, behold, his daughter Rachel comes with the sheep. <sup>7</sup>And he said, Lo, the day *is* yet high. It *is* not yet time for gathering the cattle together. Water the sheep, and go feed *them*. <sup>8</sup>And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks have been gathered together. And they roll the stone from the well's mouth, then we water the sheep. <sup>9</sup>While he still spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she kept them. <sup>10</sup>And it happened when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, then Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flocks of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup>And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>12</sup>And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son. And she ran and told her father. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him, and kissed him, and

brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. <sup>14</sup>And Laban said to him, Surely you *are* my bone and my flesh. And he stayed with him for a month.

<sup>15</sup>And Laban said to Jacob, Because you *are* my brother, should you then serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *shall be* your wages? <sup>16</sup>And Laban *had* two daughters. The name of the oldest *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah *was* weak of eyes, but Rachel *was* beautiful and well-favored. <sup>18</sup>And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter. <sup>19</sup>And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to you *than* that I should give her to another man. Stay with me. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him a few days, for the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup>And Jacob said to Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, so that I may go in to her. <sup>22</sup>And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

<sup>23</sup>And it happened in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to him. And he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>And Laban gave Zilpah his slavegirl to his daughter Leah *for* a handmaid. <sup>25</sup>And it happened in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah! And he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you tricked me? <sup>26</sup>And Laban said, It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Fulfill her week, and we will give you this also for the service which you shall serve with me still another seven years. <sup>28</sup>And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. And he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. <sup>29</sup>And Laban gave Bilhah his slavegirl to his daughter Rachel, to be her handmaid. <sup>30</sup>And he also went in to Rachel. He also loved Rachel *more than* Leah, and served with him still seven more years.

<sup>31</sup>And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated; He opened her womb. But Rachel *was* barren. <sup>32</sup>And Leah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Reuben, for she said, Surely the LORD has looked upon my afflictions. Now therefore my husband will love me. <sup>33</sup>And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Because the LORD has heard that I *was* hated, He has therefore given me this *son* also. And she called his name Simeon. <sup>34</sup>And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Now *this* time my husband will return to me, because I have borne him three sons. Therefore his name *was* called Levi. <sup>35</sup>And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she said, *This* time I will praise the LORD. Therefore she called his name Judah, and quit bearing.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. And she said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I will die. <sup>2</sup>And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel. And he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb? <sup>3</sup>And she said, Behold my slavegirl Bilhah; go in to her, and she shall bear upon my knees, and yea, let me be built up from her, *me* also. <sup>4</sup>And she gave him her handmaid Bilhah to wife. And Jacob went in to her. <sup>5</sup>And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. <sup>6</sup>And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan. <sup>7</sup>And Rachel's slavegirl Bilhah conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. <sup>8</sup>And Rachel said, With the wrestlings of God I have wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed. And she called his name Naphtali.

<sup>9</sup>When Leah saw that she had quit bearing, she took her slavegirl Zilpah and gave her to Jacob to wife. <sup>10</sup>And Leah's slavegirl Zilpah bore Jacob a son. <sup>11</sup>And Leah said, A troop comes. And she called his name Gad. <sup>12</sup>And Leah's slavegirl

Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. <sup>13</sup>And Leah said, I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed. And she called his name Asher.

<sup>14</sup>And Reuben went out the days of the wheat harvest, and found love-apples in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. And Rachel said to Leah, please give me some of your son's may-apples. <sup>15</sup>And she said to her, *Is it a small matter that you have taken my husband?* And would you also take my son's may-apples? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with you tonight for your son's may-apples. <sup>16</sup>And Jacob came out of the field in the evening. And Leah went out to meet him, and said, You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's may-apples. And he lay with her that night. <sup>17</sup>And God listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son. <sup>18</sup>And Leah said, God has given me my hire, because I have given my slavegirl to my husband. And she called his name Issachar. <sup>19</sup>And Leah conceived again, and bore Jacob the sixth son. <sup>20</sup>And Leah said, God has given me a good present. Now my husband will live with me, because I have borne him six sons. And she called his name Zebulun. <sup>21</sup>And afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah. <sup>22</sup>And God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. <sup>23</sup>And she conceived and bore a son, and she said, God has taken away my reproach. <sup>24</sup>And she called his name Joseph. And she said, May the LORD shall add another son to me.

<sup>25</sup>And when Rachel had borne Joseph, it came to pass that Jacob said to Laban, Send me away so that I may go into my own place and to my country. <sup>26</sup>Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, and let me go. For you know my service which I have done you. <sup>27</sup>And Laban said to him, I pray you, if I have found favor in your eyes, *stay*. For I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake. <sup>28</sup>And he said, Appoint your wages and I will give. <sup>29</sup>He said to him, You know how I have served you, and how your cattle were with me. <sup>30</sup>For you *had* little before I came, and it has now increased to a multitude. And the LORD has blessed you since my coming. And now when shall I provide for my own house also? <sup>31</sup>And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flock. <sup>32</sup>I will pass through all the flocks today, taking out all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all of the black sheep among the lambs, and the spotted and the speckled among the goats. And *these* shall be my hire. <sup>33</sup>And shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, and it shall come for my hire before your face. Every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, *shall be counted* stolen with me. <sup>34</sup>And Laban said, Yes, truly let it be according to your word. <sup>35</sup>And that day he took out the he-goats that were striped and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that *had* white in it, and all the black from among the lambs, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons. <sup>36</sup>And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

<sup>37</sup>And Jacob took rods of green poplar, and of a fresh *tree*, and the almond and plane tree. And he peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods. <sup>38</sup>And he set the rods which he had peeled by the troughs, by the water-troughs, where the flocks came to drink, across from the flocks, and the flocks were in heat when they came to drink. <sup>39</sup>And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth striped cattle, speckled, and spotted. <sup>40</sup>And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped, and all the black in the flock of Laban. And he put his own flocks by themselves, and did not put them with the flock of Laban. <sup>41</sup>And it happened when the stronger flocks conceived, Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flocks in the troughs,

so that they might conceive among the rods. <sup>42</sup>But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put them in. And it came to be, the weak ones *were* Laban's and the stronger ones Jacob's. <sup>43</sup>And the man increased exceedingly, and had many flocks, and maidservants, and manservants, and camels, and asses.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that *was* our father's, and he has gotten all this glory from that which *was* our father's. <sup>2</sup>And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your kindred, and I will be with you. <sup>4</sup>And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flocks. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, I see your father's face, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. <sup>6</sup>And you know that with all my power I have served your father, <sup>7</sup>and your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not allow him to hurt me. <sup>8</sup>If he said this, The speckled shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said this, The striped shall be your hire, then all the flocks bore striped. <sup>9</sup>And God has taken away the flocks of your father, and has given them to me. <sup>10</sup>And at the time the cattle conceived, I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle *were* striped, speckled, and mottled. <sup>11</sup>And the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, *saying*, Jacob! And I said, Here *I am*. <sup>12</sup>And He said, Lift up your eyes and see all the rams which leap upon the cattle, that *they are* striped, speckled, and mottled. For I have seen all that Laban *is* doing to you. <sup>13</sup>I *am* the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your kindred. <sup>14</sup>And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? <sup>15</sup>Are we not counted strangers by him? For he has sold us, and has also entirely devoured our money. <sup>16</sup>For all the riches which God has taken from our father, that *is* for us and for our sons. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do. <sup>17</sup>Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and wives upon camels. <sup>18</sup>And he drove away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his property, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, in order to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

<sup>19</sup>And Laban went to shear his sheep. And Rachel had stolen the images which *were* her father's. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob deceived the heart of Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he fled. <sup>21</sup>And he fled with all that *was* his. And he rose up and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* Mount Gilead. <sup>22</sup>It was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled. <sup>23</sup>And he took his brothers with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey. And they overtook him in Mount Gilead.

<sup>24</sup>And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, Take heed that you do not speak either good or bad to Jacob. <sup>25</sup>Then Laban overtook Jacob. And Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount. And Laban with his brothers pitched in Mount Gilead. <sup>26</sup>And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, that you have deceived my heart and carried away my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword? <sup>27</sup>Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret and with harp? <sup>28</sup>And why have you not allowed me to kiss my sons and my daughters? You have done foolishly in *so* doing. <sup>29</sup>It is in the power of my hand to do you harm. But the God of your fathers spoke to me last night, saying, Take heed that you do not speak either good or bad to Jacob. <sup>30</sup>And now you have



gone because you longed after your father's house. Why have you stolen my gods?  
<sup>31</sup>And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid, for I said, Perhaps you would take your daughters away from me by force. <sup>32</sup>With whomever you find your gods, let him not live. Before our brothers, choose what *is* yours with me, and take *it* to you. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them. <sup>33</sup>And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tents of the two slavegirls, and he did not find. And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. <sup>34</sup>And Rachel had taken the images and put them into the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all the tent, but did not find them. <sup>35</sup>But she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before you. For the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but did not find the images.

<sup>36</sup>And Jacob was angry, and rebuked Laban. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? What *is* my sin, that you have so hotly pursued after me? <sup>37</sup>For you have searched all my stuff; what have you found of all your household stuff? Set *it* here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may judge between us both. <sup>38</sup>I *was* with you these twenty years. Your ewes and she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of your flock I have not eaten. <sup>39</sup>That which was torn I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it at my hand, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night. <sup>40</sup>I *was there*; in the day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night. And my sleep departed from my eyes. <sup>41</sup>And I *have been* twenty years in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six for your flocks. And you have changed my wages ten times. <sup>42</sup>Unless the God of my fathers, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac had been with me, surely you would have sent me away now empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you *last* night.

<sup>43</sup>And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters *are* my daughters, and the sons *are* my sons, and the flocks *are* my flocks. All that you see *is* mine. And what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their sons which they have borne? <sup>44</sup>And come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be for a witness between you and me. <sup>45</sup>And Jacob took a stone and set *it* up for a pillar. <sup>46</sup>And Jacob said to his brothers, Come, gather stones. And they took stones and made a heap. And they ate there upon the heap. <sup>47</sup>And Laban called it *in Syriac*, Heap of the Testimony, and Jacob called it *in Hebrew* Heap of Testimony. <sup>48</sup>And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between you and me this day. Therefore the name of it was called Heap of Testimony, <sup>49</sup>and Watchtower, for he said, The LORD watch between you and me when we are absent from one another. <sup>50</sup>If you shall afflict my daughters, or if you shall take other wives besides my daughters, no man is with us. See! God *is* witness between you and me.

<sup>51</sup>And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar which I have set up between you and me. <sup>52</sup>This heap *is* a witness, and the pillar *is* a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. <sup>53</sup>The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. <sup>54</sup>And Jacob offered sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night in the mountain. <sup>55</sup>And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. And Laban departed and returned to his place.

#### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. <sup>2</sup>And when Jacob saw them he said, This *is* God's camp. And he called the name of that place

Refuge. <sup>3</sup>And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, to the land of Seir, the country of Edom. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded them, saying, So shall you speak to my lord Esau: Your servant Jacob says thus, I have lived with Laban and stayed until now. <sup>5</sup>And I *have* oxen and asses, flocks, and menservants, and women-servants. And I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in your sight. <sup>6</sup>And the messengers returned to Jacob saying, We came to your brother Esau, and also he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him. <sup>7</sup>Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people with him, and the flocks and herds, and the camels, into two bands. <sup>8</sup>And he said, If Esau come to the one company and strike it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

<sup>9</sup>And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, Jehovah, who said to me, Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will deal well with you: <sup>10</sup>I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown to Your servant. For with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two bands. <sup>11</sup>Deliver me, I pray You, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau. For I fear him, lest he come and strike me, *from* mother to sons. <sup>12</sup>And You said, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

<sup>13</sup>And he lodged there that night. And he took of that which came to his hand, a present for Esau his brother <sup>14</sup>two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, <sup>15</sup>thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals. <sup>16</sup>And he delivered into the hands of his servants, every drove by themselves. And *he* said to his servants, Pass over in front of me and put a space between drove and drove. <sup>17</sup>And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you saying, To whom do you belong? and, Where do you go? And whose *are* these before you? <sup>18</sup>Then you shall say, Your servant Jacob's. It *is* a present sent to my lord Esau. And, behold, he also *is* behind us. <sup>19</sup>And so he commanded the second and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, In this way you shall speak to Esau when you find him. <sup>20</sup>And also you shall say, Behold, your servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face. Perhaps he will accept me. <sup>21</sup>And the present went over before him. And he himself lodged that night in the company.

<sup>22</sup>And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two slavegirls, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over what he *had*. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled there with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>And when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh. And the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with Him. <sup>26</sup>And He said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let You go except You bless me. <sup>27</sup>And He said to him, What *is* your name? And he said, Jacob. <sup>28</sup>And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for like a prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed.

<sup>29</sup>And Jacob asked and said, I pray You, tell me Your name. And He said, Why do you ask after My name? And He blessed him there. <sup>30</sup>And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. <sup>31</sup>And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh. <sup>32</sup>Therefore the children of Israel do not eat of the sinew of the thigh, which *is* on the hip-socket, until this day, because He touched Jacob's hip-socket, the sinew of the thigh.

## CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold, Esau came, and four hundred men with him. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two handmaids. <sup>2</sup>And he put the slavegirls and their children first, and Leah and her children afterward, and Rachel and Joseph last. <sup>3</sup>And he passed over in front of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. <sup>4</sup>And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And they wept. <sup>5</sup>And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said, Who *are* these *with* you? And he said, The children which God has graciously given your servant. <sup>6</sup>Then the slavegirls came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. <sup>7</sup>And Leah also, and her children, came near and bowed themselves. And afterward Joseph came near, and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. <sup>8</sup>He asked, Whose *is* all this camp which I met? And he said, To find grace in the sight of my lord. <sup>9</sup>And Esau said, I have enough, my brother. Keep what you have yourself. <sup>10</sup>And Jacob said, No, please, if now I have found grace in your sight, then receive my present at my hand. For therefore have I seen your face, as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. <sup>11</sup>Please take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he accepted. <sup>12</sup>And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you. <sup>13</sup>And he said to him, My lord knows that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me. And if the men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. <sup>14</sup>Please let my lord pass over before his servant, and I will lead on softly, according as the flocks that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord to Seir. <sup>15</sup>And Esau said, Let me now leave with you *some* of the people with me. And he said, Why this? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord. <sup>16</sup>And Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

<sup>17</sup>And Jacob journeyed to Succoth and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. <sup>18</sup>And Jacob came in peace *to* the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram. And he pitched his tent in front of the city. <sup>19</sup>And he bought a piece of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money. <sup>20</sup>And he erected there an altar, and called it El, the God of Israel.

## CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. <sup>2</sup>And when Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and defiled her. <sup>3</sup>And his soul clung to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke kindly to the girl. <sup>4</sup>And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Get me this girl for a wife. <sup>5</sup>And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. And his sons were with his cattle in the field. And Jacob kept silent until they had come.

<sup>6</sup>And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard. And the men were furious, and they were very angry, because he had done folly in Israel, in lying with the daughter of Jacob. And it ought not to be done so. <sup>8</sup>And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife. <sup>9</sup>And you make marriages with us, giving your daughters to us, and taking our daughters to you. <sup>10</sup>And you shall live with us. And the land shall be before you. Live and trade *in* it, and get possessions

in it. <sup>11</sup>And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, Let me find grace in your eyes, and whatever you shall say to me I will give. <sup>12</sup>Heap upon me ever so much price and dowry, and I will give according as you shall say to me. But give me the girl for a wife. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, speaking with deceit because he had defiled Dinah their sister. <sup>14</sup>And they said to them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised. For that would be a reproach to us. <sup>15</sup>But in this we will agree with you, if you will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised, <sup>16</sup>then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will live with you, and we will become one people. <sup>17</sup>But if you will not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will go.

<sup>18</sup>And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. <sup>19</sup>And the young man did not hesitate to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter. And he *was* more honorable than all the house of his father. <sup>20</sup>And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and talked with the men of their city, saying, <sup>21</sup>These men *are* at peace with us. Therefore let them live in the land, and trade in it. For behold, the land *is* large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. <sup>22</sup>Only on this *condition* will the men agree to us, to live with us, to be one people, if every male among us is circumcised as they *are* circumcised. <sup>23</sup>Shall not their cattle and their substance and every animal of theirs *be* ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will live with us.

<sup>24</sup>And all that went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son. And every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. <sup>25</sup>And it happened on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took each his sword and came upon the city boldly, and killed all the males. <sup>26</sup>And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. <sup>27</sup>The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. <sup>28</sup>They took their sheep and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city and that which *was* in the field. <sup>29</sup>And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives, they took captive, and plundered even all that *was* in the house. <sup>30</sup>And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have troubled me, to make me stink among those who live in the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites. And I, *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and kill me. And I shall be destroyed, my house and I. <sup>31</sup>And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there. And make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. <sup>2</sup>Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods among you, and be clean, and change your garments. <sup>3</sup>And let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. <sup>4</sup>And they gave all the strange gods which were in their hands to Jacob, and the earrings in their ears. And Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem. <sup>5</sup>And they moved. And the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

<sup>6</sup>And Jacob came to Luz in the land of Canaan, that *is*, Bethel, he and all the people with him. <sup>7</sup>And he built an altar there and called the place El-Bethel, because God appeared to him there when he fled from the face of his brother.

<sup>8</sup>But Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Bethel, under an oak. And the name of it was called Oak of Weeping.

<sup>9</sup>And God appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Padan-aram and blessed him. <sup>10</sup>And God said to him, Your name *is* Jacob. Your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name. And He called his name Israel. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall be from you, and kings shall come out of your loins. <sup>12</sup>And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you; and to your seed after you I will give the land. <sup>13</sup>And God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. <sup>14</sup>And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. <sup>15</sup>And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

<sup>16</sup>And they moved from Bethel. And there was only a length of land to come to Ephrath. And Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor in her bearing. <sup>17</sup>And it happened when she was in hard labor in her bearing, the midwife said to her, Do not fear, you shall have this son also. <sup>18</sup>And it happened as her soul was departing (for she died) that she called his name Benoni. But his father called him Benjamin. <sup>19</sup>And Rachel died and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave. That *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. <sup>21</sup>And Israel moved, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. <sup>22</sup>And it happened when Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard *it*.

And the sons of Jacob were twelve: <sup>23</sup>The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's slavegirl: Dan and Naphtali. <sup>26</sup>And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's slavegirl: Gad and Asher. These *were* the sons of Jacob born to him in Padan-aram.

<sup>27</sup>And Jacob came to his father Isaac, to Mamre, to the city of Arba, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham had lived, and Isaac. <sup>28</sup>And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. <sup>29</sup>And Isaac expired and died, and was gathered to his people, old and satisfied of days. And his sons, Esau and Jacob, buried him.

### CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the generations of Esau, that *is* Edom. <sup>2</sup>Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan, Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, <sup>3</sup>And Basemath the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth. <sup>4</sup>And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau. And Basemath bore Reuel. <sup>5</sup>And Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. These *were* the sons of Esau who *were* born to him in the land of Canaan.

<sup>6</sup>And Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance which he had gotten in the land of Canaan, and went into the country away from the face of his brother Jacob. <sup>7</sup>For their riches were more than that they might dwell together. And the land of their travels could not bear them because of their cattle. <sup>8</sup>And Esau lived in Mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom. <sup>9</sup>And these *are* the generations of Esau, the father of the Edomites, in Mount Seir. <sup>10</sup>These *are* the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau; Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. <sup>11</sup>And the sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. <sup>12</sup>And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son. And she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These *were* the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. <sup>13</sup>And these *are* the sons of

Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife.

<sup>14</sup>And these *were* the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife. And she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

<sup>15</sup>These *were* the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, <sup>16</sup>Chief Korah, Chiefs Gatam, Chief Amalek. These *were* the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these the sons of Adah. <sup>17</sup>And these *were* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, and Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. These *were* the chief of Reuel in the land of Edom. These *were* the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. <sup>18</sup>And these *were* the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, Chief Korah. These *were* the chiefs of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. <sup>19</sup>These *were* the sons of Esau, and these their chiefs. He *is* Edom.

<sup>20</sup>These *were* the sons of Seir the Horite living in the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, <sup>21</sup>and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom. <sup>22</sup>And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Heman; and Lotan's sister *was* Timna. <sup>23</sup>And these *were* the sons of Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebel, Shepho, and Onam. <sup>24</sup>And these *were* the sons of Zibeon: both Aiah and Anah — he *is* Anah that found the hot springs in the desert as he fed the asses of Zibeon, his father. <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Anah *were* these: Dishon. And Oholibamah *was* daughter of Anah. <sup>26</sup>And these *were* sons of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

<sup>27</sup>The sons of Ezer *were* these: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. <sup>28</sup>The sons of Dishan *were* these: Uz and Aran. <sup>29</sup>These *were* the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah, <sup>30</sup>Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

<sup>31</sup>And these *were* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before the reigning of a king over the sons of Israel. <sup>32</sup>And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom. And the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. <sup>33</sup>And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah, from Bozrah, reigned in his place. <sup>34</sup>And Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. <sup>35</sup>And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedah, who smote Midian in the field of Moab reigned in his place. And the name of his city *was* Avith. <sup>36</sup>And Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. <sup>37</sup>And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his place. <sup>38</sup>And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. <sup>39</sup>And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place. And the name of his city *was* Pau. And his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

<sup>40</sup>And these *were* the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth, <sup>41</sup>Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, <sup>42</sup>Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, <sup>43</sup>Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings in the land of their possession; he *is* Esau the father of the Edomites.

## CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob lived in the land of the travels of his father, in the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup>These are the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, came tending the flock with his brothers. And he *was* a youth with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought to his father an evil report of them. <sup>3</sup>And Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because

he was the son of his old age. And he made him a coat *reaching to the feet*.<sup>4</sup> And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>And Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers. And they hated him still more. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, I pray you, Hear this dream which I have dreamed. <sup>7</sup>For behold! We *were* binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose and also stood upright. And behold, your sheaves stood around and bowed down to my sheaf. <sup>8</sup>And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have the rule over us? And they hated him still more for his dreams and for his words. <sup>9</sup>And he dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream. And behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me. <sup>10</sup>And he told *it* to his father and to his brothers. And his father rebuked him and said to him, What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I, and your mother, and your brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to the earth before you? <sup>11</sup>And his brothers were jealous of him. But his father observed the saying.

<sup>12</sup>And his brothers went to feed his father's flock in Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, Do not your brothers feed the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here I *am*. <sup>14</sup>And he said to him, please go see whether it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks. And bring me word again. And he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. <sup>15</sup>And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, What are you looking for? <sup>16</sup>And he said, I *am* seeking for my brothers. Please tell me where they *are* feeding? <sup>17</sup>And the man said, They are gone from here, for I heard *them* say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. <sup>18</sup>And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. <sup>19</sup>And they said to one another, Behold, this dreamer comes. <sup>20</sup>Therefore come now, and let us kill him, and throw him into some pit, and we will say some evil beast has devoured him. And we shall see what will become of his dreams.

<sup>21</sup>And Reuben heard, and he delivered him out of their hands and said, Let us not kill him. <sup>22</sup>And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him (in order to rescue him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again). <sup>23</sup>And when Joseph had come to his brothers, they stripped Joseph out of his coat, the coat *reaching to the feet* that was on him. <sup>24</sup>And they took him and threw him into a pit. And the pit *was* empty, with no water in it. <sup>25</sup>And they sat down to eat bread. And they lifted up their eyes, and looked. And behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>And Judah said to his brothers, What profit *is it* if we should kill our brother and hide his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him. For he *is* our brother, and our flesh. And his brothers listened. <sup>28</sup>And men, Midianites traders, came by. And they drew up Joseph and took *him* out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty *pieces* of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

<sup>29</sup>And Reuben returned to the pit. And behold! Joseph was not in the pit! And he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup>And he returned to his brothers and said, The child, he is not. And I, where shall I go? <sup>31</sup>And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood. <sup>32</sup>And *they* sent the coat *reaching to the feet*, and they brought it to their father. And they said, We have found this. Do you know whether it *is* your son's coat or not? <sup>33</sup>And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat. An evil beast has eaten him. Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.

<sup>34</sup>And Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup>And all his sons, and all his daughters, rose up to comfort him. But he refused to be comforted. And he said, For I will go down into the grave to my son mourning. And his father wept for him.

<sup>36</sup>And the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners.

### CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>And it happened at that time Judah went down from his brothers and turned in to a certain Adullamite, named Hirah. <sup>2</sup>And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite man named Shuah. And he took her and went in to her. <sup>3</sup>And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Er. <sup>4</sup>And she conceived again, and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. <sup>5</sup>And she yet again conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Shelah. And she was at Chezib when she bore him. <sup>6</sup>And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. <sup>7</sup>And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD killed him. <sup>8</sup>And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife, and marry *her*, and raise up seed to your brother. <sup>9</sup>And Onan knew that the seed would not be his. And it happened when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. <sup>10</sup>And what he did was evil in the eyes of the LORD. Therefore He killed him also. <sup>11</sup>Then said Judah to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at your father's house until Shelah my son is grown. For he said, Lest perhaps he die also, as his brothers did. And Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

<sup>12</sup>And the days were many, and Judah's wife, the daughter of Shuah, died. And Judah was comforted, and went up to his shearers of his sheep, he and his friend Hiram of Adullam, to Timnah. <sup>13</sup>And it was told to Tamar, saying, Behold, your father-in-law goes up to Timnah to shear his sheep. <sup>14</sup>And she put off her widow's clothes, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself. And she sat in an open place, which *is* by the way to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown and she was not given to him as wife. <sup>15</sup>When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, because she had covered her face. <sup>16</sup>And he turned aside to her by the wayside, and said, Come now, let me come in to you. For he did not know that she *was* his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, so that you may come in to me? <sup>17</sup>And he said, I will send a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Will you give a pledge until you send *it*? <sup>18</sup>And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet, and your bracelet, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave to her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him. <sup>19</sup>And she arose, and went away, and laid away her veil from her, and put on the clothes of her widowhood.

<sup>20</sup>And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand. But he did not find her. <sup>21</sup>Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot who *was* by the wayside? And they said, There was no harlot here. <sup>22</sup>And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her. And also the men of the place said, There *was* no harlot here. <sup>23</sup>And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we be ashamed. Behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her.

<sup>24</sup>And it happened, about three months afterward, that it was told Judah, saying, Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burned. <sup>25</sup>When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, I *am* with child by the man whose things these *are*. And she said, Please observe. Whose



things *are* these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff? <sup>26</sup>And Judah acknowledged *them*, and said, She has been more righteous than I have, because I did not give her to my son Shelah. And he never knew her again.

<sup>27</sup>And it happened, in the time of her travail, behold, twins *were* in her womb. <sup>28</sup>And when she travailed, it happened that *one* put out a hand. And the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This one came out first. <sup>29</sup>And it happened as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, How have you broken a break for yourself? And his name was called Pharez. <sup>30</sup>And afterwards his brother came out, on whose hand *was* the scarlet thread. And his name was called Zarah.

### CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>And Joseph was brought down to Egypt. And Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners, an Egyptian man, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. And he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. <sup>3</sup>And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him. And he made him overseer over his house, and he put into his hand all he had. <sup>5</sup>And it happened from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. <sup>6</sup>And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand. And he did not know anything that he had, except the bread which he ate. And Joseph was beautiful in form and in appearance.

<sup>7</sup>And after these things it happened that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph. And she said, Lie with me. <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what is in the house with me, and he has given all that he has into my hand. <sup>9</sup>There is none greater in this house than I. Neither has he kept back anything from me except you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? <sup>10</sup>And it happened as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not listen to her to lie with her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup>And it happened about this time that he came into the house to do his work. And none of the men of the house *were* inside. <sup>12</sup>And she caught him by his robe, saying, Lie with me. And he left his robe in her hand and fled, and got out. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when she saw that he had left his robe in her hand, and had fled, <sup>14</sup>she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me, to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. <sup>15</sup>And when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his robe with me, and fled, and got out. <sup>16</sup>And she laid up his robe beside her until his lord came home. <sup>17</sup>And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant which you have brought to us came in to me to mock me. <sup>18</sup>And it happened as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his robe with me and ran out.

<sup>19</sup>And it happened when his master heard the words of his wife which she spoke to him, saying, Your servant did this to me, his wrath was kindled. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound. And he was there in the prison. <sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. <sup>22</sup>And the keeper of the prison gave all the prisoners in the prison into Joseph's hand. And whatever they did there, he was the doer *of it*. <sup>23</sup>The keeper of the

prison did not look to anything under his hand, because the LORD *was* with him; and whatever he did, the LORD *made it* to prosper.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>And after these things it happened that the cup-bearer of the king of Egypt, and his baker, had offended their lord the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And Pharaoh was angry against two of his officers, against the chief of the cup-bearers and against the chief of the bakers. <sup>3</sup>And he put them under guard in the house of the chief of the executioners, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound. <sup>4</sup>And the chief of the executioners charged Joseph with them, and he served them. And they continued for a time under guard. <sup>5</sup>And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cup-bearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. <sup>6</sup>And Joseph came in to them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold, they *were* sad. <sup>7</sup>And he asked Pharaoh's officers who *were* with him under guard in his lord's house, saying, Why *are* your faces sad today? <sup>8</sup>And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations *belong* to God? Now tell *it* to me. <sup>9</sup>And the chief cup-bearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me. <sup>10</sup>And in the vine *were* three branches. And it *was* as if it budded, and *its* blossom shot up. And the clusters of it brought forth ripe grapes. <sup>11</sup>And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand. And I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph said to him, This *is* the interpretation of it. The three branches are three days. <sup>13</sup>Yet within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head and restore you to your place. And you shall deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, just as you did when you were his cup-bearer. <sup>14</sup>But think on me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house. <sup>15</sup>For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

<sup>16</sup>When the chief baker saw the interpretation *was* good, he said to Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and behold! Three white baskets *were* on my head. <sup>17</sup>And in the top basket *were* all kinds of baked foods for Pharaoh. And the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head. <sup>18</sup>And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation of it. The three baskets are three days. <sup>19</sup>Yet within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head from off you, and shall hang you on a tree. And the birds shall eat your flesh from off you.

<sup>20</sup>And it happened on the third day, Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief cup-bearer, and of the chief baker, among his servants. <sup>21</sup>And he restored the chief cup-bearer back into his cup-bearership again. And he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup>But he hanged the chief baker, even as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup>Yet the chief cup-bearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

#### CHAPTER 41

<sup>1</sup>And it happened at the end of two years of days, Pharaoh dreamed. And behold, *he* stood by the river. <sup>2</sup>And behold! There came up out of the river seven cows beautiful of form, and fat of flesh. And they fed in the reeds! <sup>3</sup>And behold! Seven other cows came up after them out of the river, evil in appearance, and lean of flesh! And they stood by the other cows on the river bank. <sup>4</sup>And the evil-appearing and lean-fleshed cows ate up the seven beautifully formed and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke. <sup>5</sup>And he slept and dreamed the second time. And behold! Seven ears of corn came up on one stock, fat and good! <sup>6</sup>And behold!

Seven thin ears, and blasted *with the east wind*, sprang up after them! <sup>7</sup>And the seven thin ears devoured the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream. <sup>8</sup>And it happened in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men of it. And Pharaoh told them his dream, but *there was* none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

<sup>9</sup>Then the chief cup-bearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I remember my fault this day. <sup>10</sup>Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me under guard in the chief of the executioner's house, me and the chief baker. <sup>11</sup>And we dreamed a dream one night, he and I. We dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. <sup>12</sup>And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, a slave to the chief of the executioners. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us. He interpreted to each man according to his dream. <sup>13</sup>And as he interpreted to us, so it was. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.

<sup>14</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph. And they hurried him out of the dungeon. And he shaved and changed his clothing, and came in to Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and none can interpret it. And I have heard it said of you *that* you can understand a dream to interpret it. <sup>16</sup>And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, Not I. God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

<sup>17</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold! I stood upon the bank of the river. <sup>18</sup>And behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, beautiful in appearance and fat of flesh. And they fed in the reeds. <sup>19</sup>And behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and evil of appearance, and lean of flesh, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness. <sup>20</sup>And the lean and the evil-appearing cows ate up the first seven fat cows. <sup>21</sup>And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still evil of appearance, as at the beginning. And I awoke. <sup>22</sup>And I saw in my dream, and behold, seven ears came up in one stock, full and good. <sup>23</sup>And behold, seven ears, withered, thin, blasted *with the east wind*, sprang up after them. <sup>24</sup>And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. And I spoke to the magicians, but there was none that could open *it* to me.

<sup>25</sup>And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. <sup>26</sup>The seven good cows *are* seven years. And the seven good ears *are* seven years. The dream *is* one. <sup>27</sup>And the seven thin and evil-appearing cows that came up after them *are* seven years. And the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup>This *is* the thing which God has spoken to Pharaoh; what God *is* about to do, He shows to Pharaoh.

<sup>29</sup>Behold, there *are* coming seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>30</sup>And there shall arise after them seven years of famine. And all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine shall consume the land. <sup>31</sup>And the plenty shall not be known in the land because of the famine following; for *it shall be* very grievous. <sup>32</sup>And since the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice, *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. <sup>33</sup>Now therefore let Pharaoh look for a man who is discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup>Let Pharaoh act, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth *part* of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. <sup>35</sup>And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. <sup>36</sup>That food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt, so that the land does not perish through the famine.

<sup>37</sup>And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. <sup>38</sup>And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find any man like this, *in* whom the Spirit of God is? <sup>39</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has shown you all this, none is as discreet and wise as you. <sup>40</sup>You shall be over my house, and all my people shall kiss the *hand* at your word. Only in the throne will I be greater than you are. <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup>And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand. And he dressed him with fine linen robes, and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup>And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and they cried before him, Bow the knee! And he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without *a word* from you, no man shall lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. <sup>45</sup>And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paaneah. And he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, for his wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

<sup>46</sup>And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from before Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>And in the seven years of plenty, the earth brought forth by handfuls. <sup>48</sup>And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up food in the cities. He laid up the food of the field which *was* around every city; he put it in among it. <sup>49</sup>And Joseph gathered grain like the sand of the sea, very much, until he quit numbering it; for *it was* without number.

<sup>50</sup>And two sons were born to Joseph before the years of famine came, whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bore to him. <sup>51</sup>And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, *saying*, For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house. <sup>52</sup>And the name of the second he called Ephraim, *saying*, For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

<sup>53</sup>And the seven years of plenty that was in the land of Egypt ended. <sup>54</sup>And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. <sup>55</sup>And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do. <sup>56</sup>And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was on the land of Egypt. <sup>57</sup>And all the earth came into Egypt to buy, to Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

## CHAPTER 42

<sup>1</sup>And when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look upon one another? <sup>2</sup>And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, so that we may live and not die. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers. For he said, Lest perhaps mischief happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>And Joseph *was* the ruler over the land. He *was* the one that sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down themselves before him, their faces to the earth. <sup>7</sup>And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself strange to them, and spoke roughly to them. And he said to them, Where do you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. <sup>8</sup>And Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him. <sup>9</sup>And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, You *are* spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land.

<sup>10</sup>And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup>We are all one man's sons. We are honest; your servants are not spies. <sup>12</sup>And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land. <sup>13</sup>And they said, Your servants *are* twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one is not. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph said to them, *That is* what I spoke to you, saying, You *are* spies! <sup>15</sup>By this you shall be proved; by the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup>Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, and you shall be kept in prison so that your words may be proved, whether any truth *is* in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you *are* spies. <sup>17</sup>And he put them all together into custody three days.

<sup>18</sup>And Joseph said to them the third day, Do this and live. I fear God. <sup>19</sup>If you are honest, let one of your brothers be bound in the house of your prison. You go carry grain *for* the famine of your houses. <sup>20</sup>But bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words shall be proved true, and you shall not die. And they did so. <sup>21</sup>And they said one to another, We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he begged us, and we would not hear. Therefore this distress has come upon us. <sup>22</sup>And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you saying, Do not sin against the youth? And you would not hear. Therefore, behold, also his blood is required. <sup>23</sup>And they did not know that Joseph understood, for the interpreter *was* between them. <sup>24</sup>And he turned from them, and wept. And he returned to them again and talked with them, and took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. <sup>25</sup>Then Joseph commanded their sacks to be filled *with* grain, and that every man's money be put back into his sack, and to give them provision for the way. And so he did to them.

<sup>26</sup>And they loaded their asses with grain, and departed from there. <sup>27</sup>And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass fodder in the inn, he saw his money. For, behold, it *was* in the mouth of the sack. <sup>28</sup>And he said to his brothers, My money has been put back. And, lo, *it is* even in my sack. And their hearts failed, and they were afraid, saying to one another, What is this God has done to us?

<sup>29</sup>And they came to Jacob their father, to the land of Canaan, and told him all that happened to them, saying, <sup>30</sup>The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us *for* spies of the country. <sup>31</sup>And we said to him, We *are* honest, we are not spies. <sup>32</sup>We *are* twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. <sup>33</sup>And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, By this I shall know that you *are* honest. Leave one, your brother, with me, and *take food* for the famine of your households, and go. <sup>34</sup>And bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you *are* not spies, but *that you are* honest. And I will deliver you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

<sup>35</sup>And when they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me. Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and you will take Benjamin. All these things are against me. <sup>37</sup>And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again. <sup>38</sup>And he said, My son shall not go down with you. For his brother is dead, and he is left alone. *If* mischief should happen to him by the way you go, then you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

## CHAPTER 43

<sup>1</sup>And the famine was severe in the land. <sup>2</sup>And it happened, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food. <sup>3</sup>And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man solemnly protested to us, saying, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you. <sup>4</sup>If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. <sup>5</sup>But if you will not send *him*, we will not go down. For the man said to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you. <sup>6</sup>And Israel said, Why have you dealt ill with me, to tell the man whether you *had* yet a brother? <sup>7</sup>And they said, The man asked us strictly of our state and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father still alive? Have you yet *another* brother? And we told him according to the tenor of these words. Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? <sup>8</sup>And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, so that we may live and not die, both we and you, also our little ones. <sup>9</sup>I will be surety for him. You shall require him of my hand. If I do not bring him to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. <sup>10</sup>For unless we had lingered, surely now we would have returned the second time. <sup>11</sup>And their father Israel said to them, *If it be* so now, do this. Take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels, and bring a present down to the man; a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds. <sup>12</sup>And take double money in your hand, and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand. Perhaps it *was* an oversight. <sup>13</sup>Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. <sup>14</sup>And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, so that he may send away your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved.

<sup>15</sup>And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin. And they rose up and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. <sup>16</sup>And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring the men into the house, and kill an animal and make ready. For the men shall dine with me at noon. <sup>17</sup>And the man did as Joseph said. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house. <sup>18</sup>And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house. And they said, Because of the money *that was* returned in our sacks at the first time we are brought in, so that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. <sup>19</sup>And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they talked with him at the door of the house, <sup>20</sup>and said, Oh sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. <sup>21</sup>And it happened, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. And we have brought it again in our hands. <sup>22</sup>And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. <sup>23</sup>And he said, Peace to you, do not fear. Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I had your money. And he brought Simeon out to them.

<sup>24</sup>And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet. And he gave fodder to their asses. <sup>25</sup>And they made ready the presents for the coming of Joseph at noon. For they heard that they should eat bread there. <sup>26</sup>And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. <sup>27</sup>And he asked them as to their welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? *Is* he still alive? <sup>28</sup>And they answered, Your servant, our father, *is* in good health. He *is* still alive. And they bowed down their heads and fell before

him. <sup>29</sup>And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God bless you, my son. <sup>30</sup>And Joseph made haste, for his bowels yearned toward his brother. And he sought *a place* to weep. And he entered into his room and wept there. <sup>31</sup>And he washed his face, and went out, and controlled himself, and said, Set the bread on. <sup>32</sup>And they set *it* on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians who ate with him, by themselves, because the Egyptians may not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. <sup>33</sup>And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth. And the men marveled at one another. <sup>34</sup>And one took portions to them from before him. But Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

#### CHAPTER 44

<sup>1</sup>And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put each one's money in his sack's mouth. <sup>2</sup>And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his grain money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. <sup>3</sup>As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. <sup>4</sup>They had gone out of the city, not having gone far. And Joseph said to his steward, Rise up, follow after the men and overtake them, and say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good? <sup>5</sup>*Is* this not *that* in which my lord drinks, and by which indeed he divines? You have done evil in so doing.

<sup>6</sup>And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these words. <sup>7</sup>And they said to him, Why does your lord say these words? Far be it that your servants should do according to this thing. <sup>8</sup>Behold, the money which we found in our sack's mouth, we brought it in to you out of the land of Canaan. How then should we steal out of your lord's house silver or gold? <sup>9</sup>*With* whomever of your servants it may be found, both let him die, and we all will be my lord's bondmen. <sup>10</sup>And he said, Now also let it be according to your word. He with whom it is found shall be my servant, and you shall be blameless. <sup>11</sup>Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and each one opened his sack. <sup>12</sup>And he searched first at the oldest and with the youngest last. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

<sup>13</sup>Then they tore their clothes, and each one loaded his ass and returned to the city. <sup>14</sup>And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, for he *was* still there. And they fell before him to the earth. <sup>15</sup>And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one like me I can certainly divine? <sup>16</sup>And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants. Behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we and he also with whom the cup is found. <sup>17</sup>And he said, God forbid that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant. And as for you, you go in peace to your father.

<sup>18</sup>And Judah came near him and said, O my lord, pray let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant, for you *are* even as Pharaoh. <sup>19</sup>My lord asked his servants, saying, Do you have a father or a brother? <sup>20</sup>And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of *his* old age, a little one. And his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him. <sup>21</sup>And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him. <sup>22</sup>And we said to my lord, The boy cannot leave his father, for *if* he should leave his father, he would die. <sup>23</sup>And you said to your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more. <sup>24</sup>And it happened when we came up to your servant my father,

we told him the words of my lord. <sup>25</sup>And our father said, Go again. Buy us a little food. <sup>26</sup>And we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother *is* with us, then we will go down, for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother *is* with us. <sup>27</sup>And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two *sons*. <sup>28</sup>And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces. And I never saw him since. <sup>29</sup>And *if* you take this one also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. <sup>30</sup>And now when I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, since his life *is* bound up in his life, <sup>31</sup>it shall be, when he sees that the boy *is* not *with us*, he will die. And your servants shall bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. <sup>32</sup>For your servant became surety for the boy to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever. <sup>33</sup>And now please let your servant remain instead of the boy *as* a slave to my lord. And let the boy go up with his brothers. <sup>34</sup>For how shall I go up to my father, and the boy *be* not with me? Lest perhaps I see the evil that will find my father.

## CHAPTER 45

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. And he cried, Cause every man to go out from me! And no man stood before him *while* Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept aloud. And the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, I *am* Joseph. Is my father still live? And his brothers could not answer him, for they were troubled at his presence. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, Please come near me. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves that you sold me here. For God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which there shall neither be plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup>And now you did not send me here, but God. And He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, So says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me, do not wait. <sup>10</sup>And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your sons and your sons' sons, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>And I will nourish you there, for there are still five years of famine, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty. <sup>12</sup>And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. And you shall hurry and bring down my father here. <sup>14</sup>And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept. And Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers, and wept upon them. And afterwards his brothers talked with him.

<sup>16</sup>And the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come. And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and of his servants. <sup>17</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this; load your beasts and go into the land of Canaan, <sup>18</sup>and take your father and your households and come to me. And I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land. <sup>19</sup>Now you are commanded; do this. Take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. <sup>20</sup>And do not regard your stuff, for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of



Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.<sup>22</sup>To all of them he gave each man changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of clothing.<sup>23</sup>And to his father he sent this: ten asses loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses loaded with grain and bread and meat for his father by the way.<sup>24</sup>And he sent his brothers away, and they departed. And he said to them, Do not quarrel along the way.<sup>25</sup>And they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father.<sup>26</sup>And they told him, saying, Joseph *is* still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he did not believe them.<sup>27</sup>And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them. And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.<sup>28</sup>And Israel said, *It is* enough. Joseph my son *is* still alive. I will go and see him before I die.

#### CHAPTER 46

<sup>1</sup>And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.<sup>2</sup>And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob! And he said, Here I *am*.<sup>3</sup>And He said, I *am* God, the God of your fathers. Do not fear to go down into Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation.<sup>4</sup>I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again. And Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes.

<sup>5</sup>And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba. And the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.<sup>6</sup>And they took their cattle, and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him.<sup>7</sup>His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed, he brought with him into Egypt.

<sup>8</sup>And these are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.<sup>9</sup>And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.<sup>10</sup>And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a woman of Canaan.<sup>11</sup>And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.<sup>12</sup>And the sons of Judah: Er and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah. But Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul.<sup>13</sup>And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.<sup>14</sup>And the sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.<sup>15</sup>These *are* the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty-three.

<sup>16</sup>And the sons of Gad were Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.<sup>17</sup>And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.<sup>18</sup>These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these whom she bore to Jacob *were* sixteen souls.

<sup>19</sup>The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, *were* Joseph and Benjamin.<sup>20</sup>And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah the priest of On bore him.<sup>21</sup>And the sons of Benjamin: Belah and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muphim, and Huphim, and Ard.<sup>22</sup>These *are* the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob. All the souls *were* fourteen.<sup>23</sup>And the sons of Dan: Hushim.<sup>24</sup>And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.<sup>25</sup>These *were* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob. All the souls *were* seven.

<sup>26</sup>All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* sixty-six.<sup>27</sup>And the sons of Joseph,

who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, *were* seventy.

<sup>28</sup>And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct his face to Goshen. <sup>29</sup>And they came into the land of Goshen. And Joseph made his chariot ready, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself to him. And he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. <sup>30</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you *are* still alive. <sup>31</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's house, I will go up and show Pharaoh, and say to him, My brothers and my father's house, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come to me. <sup>32</sup>And the men *are* shepherds, for they have been men of cattle. And they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have. <sup>33</sup>And it shall be when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation? <sup>34</sup>Then you shall say, Your servants have been men of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers, so that you may live in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd *is* an abomination to the Egyptians.

#### CHAPTER 47

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>And behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen. And he took some of his brothers, five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup>And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers. <sup>4</sup>They said moreover to Pharaoh, For we have come to live in the land. For your servants have no pasture *left* for their flocks. For the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen. <sup>5</sup>And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you. <sup>6</sup>The land of Egypt *is* before you. Make your father and brothers to live in the best of the land; in the land of Goshen let them live. And if you know of any men of ability among them, then make them overseers of livestock, over what *is* mine.

<sup>7</sup>And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many are the days of the years of your life? <sup>9</sup>And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* a hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and I have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. <sup>10</sup>And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh. <sup>11</sup>And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh commanded. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph nourished his father and his brothers, and all his father's household, *with* bread, according to their families.

<sup>13</sup>And there was no bread in all the land, for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted because of the famine. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. <sup>15</sup>And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed. <sup>16</sup>And Joseph said, Give your cattle, and I will give you for your cattle, if money has failed. <sup>17</sup>And they brought their cattle to Joseph. And Joseph gave them bread for their horses, and for their flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses. And he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. <sup>18</sup>When that year was ended, they came to him the second year and said, We will not hide it from my lord, that our money

has failed, also our herds of cattle, *going* to my lord. Nothing is left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies and our lands. <sup>19</sup>Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants for Pharaoh. And give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land be not desolate. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them and the land became Pharaoh's. <sup>21</sup>And *as for* the people, he caused them to go into the cities, from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end of it. <sup>22</sup>Only he did not buy the land of the priests, for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore they did not sell their land. <sup>23</sup>And Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land, for Pharaoh. Lo, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land. <sup>24</sup>And it shall be, as you gather you shall give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those of your household, and for food for your little ones. <sup>25</sup>And they said, You have saved our lives. Let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. <sup>26</sup>And Joseph made it a law of the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, excepting only the land of the priests, which did not become Pharaoh's.

<sup>27</sup>And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen. And they had possession in it, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. <sup>28</sup>And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. And the days of Jacob, the years of his life, *were* a hundred forty-seven years. <sup>29</sup>And the days of Israel to die drew near. And he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt. <sup>30</sup>But I will lie with my fathers. You shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as you have said. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Swear to me. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed on the head of the bed.

## CHAPTER 48

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, your father *is* sick. And he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>2</sup>And one spoke to Jacob, and said, Behold, your son Joseph comes to you. And Israel strengthened himself, and sat on the bed. <sup>3</sup>And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me. <sup>4</sup>And He said to me; Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you. And I will make of you a multitude of people, and will give this land to your seed after you *for* an everlasting possession. <sup>5</sup>And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who are born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, *are* mine; like Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. <sup>6</sup>And your issue, which you father after them, shall be yours, and shall be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. <sup>7</sup>And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still but a little way to come to Ephrath. And I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; *it is* Bethlehem.

<sup>8</sup>And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these? <sup>9</sup>And Joseph said to his father, They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this place. And he said, please bring them to me, and I will bless them. <sup>10</sup>And the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. <sup>11</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought I would see your face, and, lo, God has showed me also your seed. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed his face to the earth.

<sup>13</sup>And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right *hand* toward Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left toward Israel's right *hand*. And he brought them near to him.

<sup>14</sup>And Israel stretched out his right *hand*, and laid it on Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands. For Manasseh was the firstborn. <sup>15</sup>And he blessed Joseph and said, May God, *before* whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who fed me all my life to this day, <sup>16</sup>the Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads. And let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow like the fishes into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

<sup>17</sup>And Joseph saw that his father laid his right *hand* on the head of Ephraim, and it was evil in his eyes. And he held up his father's *hand* to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. <sup>18</sup>And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father. For this *is* the firstborn. Put your right *hand* on his head. <sup>19</sup>And his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he is, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. <sup>20</sup>And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh. And he put Ephraim before Manasseh. <sup>21</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die. But God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. <sup>22</sup>And I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

#### CHAPTER 49

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob called to his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the last days. <sup>2</sup>Gather yourselves together, and hear, sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.

<sup>3</sup>Reuben, you *are* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. <sup>4</sup>Unstable as water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled *it*. He went up to my couch.

<sup>5</sup>Simeon and Levi *are* brothers; tools of violence *are* their weapons. <sup>6</sup>O my soul, do not come into their secret. Let not my honor be united with their assembly. For in their anger they killed a man, and in their self-will they dug down a wall. <sup>7</sup>Let their anger *be* cursed, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for *it was* cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Judah, may your brothers praise you. May your hand *be* in the neck of your enemies. May your father's sons bow before you. <sup>9</sup>Judah *is* a lion's whelp. My son, you have gone up from the prey. He stooped, he crouched like a lion; and like a lioness, who shall rouse him up? <sup>10</sup>The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come. And the gathering of the people *shall be* to him. <sup>11</sup>Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. <sup>12</sup>His eyes *shall be* sparkling with wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

<sup>13</sup>Zebulun shall live at the shore of the sea. And he shall be a haven for ships, and his border beside Sidon.

<sup>14</sup>Issachar *is* a strong ass crouching down between the sheepfolds. <sup>15</sup>And he saw that rest *was* good and that the land *was* pleasant. And he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a tribute-slave.

<sup>16</sup>Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. <sup>17</sup>Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that bites the horse's heels, so that its rider shall fall, backward. <sup>18</sup>I have waited for Your salvation, O LORD.

<sup>19</sup>Gad, a troop shall overcome him. But he shall overcome *at the last*.

<sup>20</sup>Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

<sup>21</sup>Naphtali is a deer let loose. He gives goodly words.

<sup>22</sup>Joseph is a fruitful son, a fruitful son by a well, whose branches run over the wall. <sup>23</sup>The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him. <sup>24</sup>But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob (from the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel); <sup>25</sup>even by the God of your father, who shall help you. And may the Almighty bless you with blessings of Heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. <sup>26</sup>The blessings of your father are above the blessings of my ancestors, to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him, the ruler, the leader of his brothers.

<sup>27</sup>Benjamin is a wolf that tears in pieces. In the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

<sup>28</sup>All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel. And this *is* what their father spoke to them, and blessed them; everyone according to his blessing he blessed them.

<sup>29</sup>And he charged them and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, <sup>30</sup>in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, the field which Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite for a burying-place. <sup>31</sup>They buried Abraham and his wife Sarah there, and they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah. And I buried Leah there; <sup>32</sup>the purchase of the field and the cave in it, from the sons of Heth. <sup>33</sup>And Jacob finished commanding his sons, and he gathered his feet into the bed. And he expired, and was gathered to his people.

## CHAPTER 50

<sup>1</sup>And Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept on him, and kissed him. <sup>2</sup>And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. And the physicians embalmed Israel. <sup>3</sup>And forty days were fulfilled for him, for so are fulfilled the days of those who are embalmed. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days. <sup>4</sup>And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, I pray you speak in the ears of Pharaoh saying, <sup>5</sup>My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die. You shall bury me in my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, I pray you, let me go up and bury my father, and I will come again. <sup>6</sup>And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, according as he made you swear. <sup>7</sup>And Joseph went up to bury his father. And all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, <sup>8</sup>and all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house. They left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen. <sup>9</sup>And both chariots and horsemen went up with him. And it was a very great company. <sup>10</sup>And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation. And he made a mourning for his father seven days. <sup>11</sup>And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians. Therefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan. <sup>12</sup>And his sons did to him according as he commanded them. <sup>13</sup>For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

<sup>14</sup>And Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. <sup>15</sup>And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will perhaps hate us, and will certainly repay us all the evil which we did to him. <sup>16</sup>And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father commanded before he died, saying, <sup>17</sup>So shall you say to Joseph, Forgive; please pardon now the trespass of your brothers, and their sin. For they did evil to you. And please forgive now the trespass of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>And his brothers also went and fell down before his face. And they said, Behold, we *are* your servants. <sup>19</sup>And Joseph said to them, Do not fear. For *am* I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>But as for you, you thought evil against me, *but* God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save a great many people alive. <sup>21</sup>And now do not fear. I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

<sup>22</sup>And Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father's house. And Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. <sup>23</sup>And Joseph saw Ephraim's sons of the third generation. Also the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh were born on Joseph's knees. <sup>24</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, I die. And God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land into the land which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>25</sup>And Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here. <sup>26</sup>So Joseph died, *being* a hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and put *him* in a coffin in Egypt.

# THE BOOK OF EXODUS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And these *were* the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt. Every man and his household came with Jacob: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup>Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. <sup>5</sup>And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls, for Joseph was already in Egypt. <sup>6</sup>And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Israel were fruitful, and increased very much, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty. And the land was filled *with* them.

<sup>8</sup>And there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the sons of Israel *are* many and mightier than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it will be when there comes a war, they join also to our enemies, and fight against us, and get out of the land. <sup>11</sup>And they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built treasure cities for Pharaoh, Pithon and Raamses. <sup>12</sup>But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And the Egyptians made the sons of Israel serve with harshness. <sup>14</sup>And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, working in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field. All the service in which they made them serve was with harshness.

<sup>15</sup>And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah. <sup>16</sup>And he said, When you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stool, if it is a son, then you shall kill him. But if it is a daughter, then she shall live. <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved alive the male children. <sup>18</sup>And the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have saved the male children alive? <sup>19</sup>And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not like the Egyptian women. For they *are* lively, and are delivered before the midwives come in to them. <sup>20</sup>And God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and became very mighty. <sup>21</sup>And it happened, because the midwives feared God, that He made them houses.

<sup>22</sup>And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And a man of the house of Levi took a daughter of Levi *as his wife*. <sup>2</sup>And the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw him, that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of papyrus *for him*, and daubed it with bitumen and with pitch, and put the child in it. And she laid *it* in the reeds by the river's edge. <sup>4</sup>And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

<sup>5</sup>And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river. And her maidens walked along by the riverside. And when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>And she opened *it*, and she saw the child. And behold, the babe wept. And she had pity on him, and said, This is *one* of the Hebrews' sons. <sup>7</sup>And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a nurse of the Hebrew women for you, that she may nurse the child for you? <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called *the* child's mother. <sup>9</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give your wages. And the woman took the child and nursed it.

<sup>10</sup>And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses. And she said, Because I took him out of the water.

<sup>11</sup>And it happened in those days, when Moses was grown, he went out to his brothers and looked upon their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. <sup>12</sup>And he looked this way and that way, and when he did not see anyone, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup>And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together. And he said to him that did the wrong, Why do you strike your fellow? <sup>14</sup>And he said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. <sup>15</sup>And when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian. And *he* sat down by a well.

<sup>16</sup>And the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup>And the shepherds came and drove them away. But Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today? <sup>19</sup>And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water for us and watered the flock. <sup>20</sup>And he said to his daughters, And where *is* he? Why then have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread. <sup>21</sup>And Moses was content to live with the man. And he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. <sup>22</sup>And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom. For he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

<sup>23</sup>And it happened after many days the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. <sup>24</sup>And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup>And God looked upon the sons of Israel, and God had respect for *it*.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And Moses kept the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back side of the desert. And he came to the mountain of God, to Horeb. <sup>2</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of the bush. And he looked. And behold! The bush burned with fire! And the bush *was* not burned up. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned up. <sup>4</sup>And when the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, Here I *am*. <sup>5</sup>And He said, Do not come here. Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. <sup>6</sup>And He said, I *am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who *are* in Egypt. And I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup>And I am coming down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, to bring them up out of that land to a good land, a large land, to a land flowing *with* milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me. And I have also seen the oppression *with* which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>And now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people the sons of Israel out of Egypt.



<sup>11</sup>And Moses said to God, Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the sons of Israel out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>And He said, I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a token to you, that I have sent you: When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain. <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to God, Behold, *when* I come to the sons of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you — and they shall say to me, What is His name? — What shall I say to them? <sup>14</sup>And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And He said, So you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. <sup>15</sup>And God said to Moses again, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, Jehovah the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My title from generation to generation. <sup>16</sup>Go, and gather the elders of Israel and say to them, Jehovah the God of your fathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I have surely visited you and *have seen what* is done to you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup>And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing *with* milk and honey. <sup>18</sup>And they shall listen to your voice. And you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt. And you shall say to him, The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us. And now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. <sup>19</sup>And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. <sup>20</sup>And I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in the midst of it. And after that he will let you go. <sup>21</sup>And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. And it shall be that when you go, you shall not go empty. <sup>22</sup>But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her that stays in her house, jewels of silver and jewels of gold and clothing. And you shall put *them* upon your sons and upon your daughters. And you shall spoil the Egyptians.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me nor listen to my voice. For they will say, The LORD has not appeared to you. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to him, What *is* this in your hand? And he said, A staff. <sup>3</sup>And He said, Throw it on the ground. And he threw it on the ground. And it became a serpent. And Moses ran from it. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Put forth your hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand, <sup>5</sup>so that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said to him again, Now put your hand in your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom. And when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* as leprous as snow. <sup>7</sup>And He said, Put your hand into your bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again. And he plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, it was turned again like his other flesh. <sup>8</sup>And it will be, if they will not believe you, neither listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will believe the voice of the latter sign. <sup>9</sup>And also it will be, if they will not believe these two signs, neither listen to your voice, then you shall take from the water of the river and pour *it* upon the dry land. And the water which you take out of the river shall become blood on the dry *land*. <sup>10</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not a man of words, neither before now, nor since You have spoken to Your servant, but I *am* slow of speech and of a slow tongue. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to him, Who

has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>And now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.

<sup>13</sup>And he said, O my Lord, I pray You, send by the *hand of him whom* You will send. <sup>14</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses. And He said, *Is not Aaron the Levite your brother?* I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he comes forth to meet you. And when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup>And you shall speak to him, and put words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup>And he shall be your spokesman to the people — he shall become your mouth, and you shall be to him instead of God. <sup>17</sup>And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do signs.

<sup>18</sup>And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, Please let me go and return to my brothers who *are* in Egypt and see if they are still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

<sup>19</sup>And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, Go! Return to Egypt, for all the men who sought your life are dead. <sup>20</sup>And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, When you go to return into Egypt, see that you do all those wonders which I have put in your hand before Pharaoh; but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. <sup>22</sup>And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord: Israel is My son, My firstborn. <sup>23</sup>And I say to you, Let My son go, that he may serve Me. And if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.

<sup>24</sup>And it happened by the way, in the inn, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. <sup>25</sup>And Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and threw *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband you *are* to me. <sup>26</sup>So He let him go. Then she said, *You are* a bloody husband, because of the circumcision.

<sup>27</sup>And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. <sup>28</sup>And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. <sup>29</sup>And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the sons of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. <sup>31</sup>And the people believed. And when they heard that the LORD had visited the sons of Israel, and that He had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, Thus says Jehovah, God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness. <sup>2</sup>And Pharaoh said, Who *is* Jehovah, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know Jehovah, neither will I let Israel go. <sup>3</sup>And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Let us go, we pray you, three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with plague or with the sword. <sup>4</sup>And the king of Egypt said to them, Moses and Aaron, why do you keep the people from their work? Get to your burdens!

<sup>5</sup>And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and you make them rest from their burdens. <sup>6</sup>And Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers the same day, saying, <sup>7</sup>You shall no more give the

people straw to make brick, as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. <sup>8</sup>And you shall lay upon them the number of bricks which they have made before now. You shall not take away from it. For they *are* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go sacrifice to our God. <sup>9</sup>Let more work be laid upon the men, and let them labor in it. And do not let them regard vain words.

<sup>10</sup>And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out. And they spoke to the people, saying, So says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. <sup>11</sup>Go and get straw where you can find *it*, yet not any of your work shall be taken away. <sup>12</sup>So the people were scattered abroad through all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. <sup>13</sup>And the taskmasters hurried *them*, saying, Finish your works, the thing of a day, just as when there was straw. <sup>14</sup>And the overseers of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten. And they demanded, Why have you not completed your task in making brick, both yesterday and today, as you did before?

<sup>15</sup>And the overseers of the sons of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you deal so with your servants? <sup>16</sup>There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, Make bricks! And behold, your servants are beaten, but the fault *is* in your own people. <sup>17</sup>But he said, You *are* idle! You *are* idle! Therefore you say, Let us go, let us sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>18</sup>Therefore go now *and* work, for there shall be no straw given to you; yet you shall deliver the number of bricks.

<sup>19</sup>And the overseers of the sons of Israel saw themselves in affliction, after it was said, You shall not take away from your bricks of your daily task.

<sup>20</sup>And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh. <sup>21</sup>And they said to them, The LORD look upon you and judge, because you have made our smell to be hated in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hands to kill us. <sup>22</sup>And Moses returned to the LORD, and said, Lord, why have You treated this people ill? Why is it that You have sent me? <sup>23</sup>For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people. Neither have You delivered Your people at all.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he shall let them go, and with a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land.

<sup>2</sup>And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I *am* Jehovah. <sup>3</sup>And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, *by the name of* God Almighty. But I was not known to them by the name JEHOVAH. <sup>4</sup>And I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. <sup>5</sup>And I have also heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, those whom the Egyptians are keeping in bondage. And I have remembered My covenant. <sup>6</sup>Therefore say to the sons of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians, and I will rescue you out of their bondage. And I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments.

<sup>7</sup>And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>And I will bring you in to the land concerning which I lifted up My hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you for a heritage. I *am* the LORD! <sup>9</sup>And Moses said so to the sons of Israel. But they did not listen to Moses through shortness of spirit and through cruel bondage.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>11</sup>Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land. <sup>12</sup>And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh hear me, since I have lips that are not circumcised? <sup>13</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>These were the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi. These were the families of Reuben. <sup>15</sup>And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitess. These were the families of Simeon. <sup>16</sup>And these were the names of the sons of Levi, according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty-seven years. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimei, by their families. <sup>18</sup>And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were a hundred and thirty-three years. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These were the families of Levi according to their generations.

<sup>20</sup>And Amram took Jochebed, his father's sister, for his wife. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. <sup>22</sup>And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elizaphan, and Zithri. <sup>23</sup>And Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, for his wife. And she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>24</sup>And the sons of Korah were Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These were the families of the Korahites. <sup>25</sup>And Aaron's son Eleazar took of the daughters of Putiel his wife. And she bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

<sup>26</sup>It was Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. <sup>27</sup>These were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron.

<sup>28</sup>And it happened on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup>that the LORD spoke to Moses saying, I am the LORD. You speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you. <sup>30</sup>And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen to me?

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh. And Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup>You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he send the sons of Israel out of his land. <sup>3</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Pharaoh shall not listen to you, so that I may lay My hand upon Egypt, and bring My armies, My people the sons of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. <sup>5</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD when I stretch forth My hand upon Egypt, and bring out the sons of Israel from among them. <sup>6</sup>And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them; so they did. <sup>7</sup>And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: <sup>9</sup>When Pharaoh shall speak to you saying, Show a miracle for yourselves, you shall say to Aaron, Take your rod, and throw it in front of Pharaoh. It shall become a snake. <sup>10</sup>And Moses

and Aaron went in to Pharaoh. And they did as the LORD had commanded. And Aaron threw down his rod in front of Pharaoh and in front of his servants, and it became a snake. <sup>11</sup>Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers. And they, the priests of Egypt, did the same with their secret arts. <sup>12</sup>For each man threw down his rod, and they became snakes. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. <sup>13</sup>And He hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart *is* hardened. He refuses to let the people go. <sup>15</sup>You go to Pharaoh in the morning. Lo, he goes out to the water. And you shall stand by the river's brink until he comes. And you shall take in your hand the rod which was turned to a snake. <sup>16</sup>And you shall say to him, The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Let My people go so that they may serve Me in the wilderness. And, behold, until now you would not hear. <sup>17</sup>Thus says the LORD, In this you shall know that *I am* the LORD. Behold! I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. <sup>18</sup>And the fish in the river shall die, and the river shall stink. And the Egyptians shall hate to drink of the water of the river.

<sup>19</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod, and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their canals, and upon their pools, and upon every reservoir of their waters, that they may become blood. And blood shall be throughout all the land of Egypt, both in wooden and in stone vessels. <sup>20</sup>And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded. And he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters in the river were turned to blood. <sup>21</sup>And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river. And there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup>And the priests of Egypt did so with their secret arts. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said. <sup>23</sup>And Pharaoh turned and went into his house; And he did not set his heart to this also.

<sup>24</sup>And all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the river. <sup>25</sup>And seven days were completed after the LORD had stricken the river.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him: Thus says the LORD, Let my people go so that they may serve Me. <sup>2</sup>And if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will strike all your borders with frogs. <sup>3</sup>And the river shall bring forth frogs plentifully, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bedroom, and upon your bed, and into the house of your servants, and upon your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs. <sup>4</sup>And the frogs shall come upon you, and upon your people, and upon all your servants.

<sup>5</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron: Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. <sup>6</sup>And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>And the priests did so with their secret arts, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

<sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Pray to the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people. And I will let the people go, so that they may sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Moses said to Pharaoh, Glory over me! When shall I pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, so *that* they may remain in the

river only? <sup>10</sup>And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, *It shall be* according to your word, so that you may know that there is none like the LORD our God. <sup>11</sup>And the frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only. <sup>12</sup>And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried to the LORD because of the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. <sup>14</sup>And they gathered them together in heaps. And the land stank. <sup>15</sup>But when Pharaoh saw that there was a breathing spell, he hardened his heart, and did not listen to them, even as the LORD had said.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Say to Aaron: Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>17</sup>And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth. And it became lice in man and in beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup>And the priests did so with their secret arts to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice upon man and upon beast. <sup>19</sup>And the priests said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Lo, he comes forth to the water. And say to him, Thus says the LORD: Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. <sup>21</sup>Else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of *flies* on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground on which they *are*. <sup>22</sup>And in that day I will cut off the land of Goshen, in which My people live, so that no swarms of *flies* shall be there, so that you may know that I *am* Jehovah in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup>And I will put a dividing line between My people and your people. This miracle shall be tomorrow. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD did so. And teeming swarms of *flies* came into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was destroyed because of the swarms.

<sup>25</sup>And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go sacrifice to your God in the land. <sup>26</sup>And Moses said, It is not right for us to do so, for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. Lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? <sup>27</sup>We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as He shall command us. <sup>28</sup>And Pharaoh said, I will let you go so that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness. Only you shall not go very far away. Pray for me.

<sup>29</sup>And Moses said, Behold, I will go out from you, and I will pray to the LORD that the swarms of *flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. But do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>30</sup>And Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And He removed the swarms from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. There remained not one. <sup>32</sup>And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: Let My people go so that they may serve Me. <sup>2</sup>For if you refuse to let *them* go, and will hold them still, <sup>3</sup>behold, the hand of the

LORD is upon your cattle in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep — a very grievous plague. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD shall separate between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt. And there shall nothing die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD did that thing on the next day, and all the cattle of Egypt died. But of the cattle of the sons of Israel, not one died. <sup>7</sup>And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, Take to yourselves handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup>And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with sores* upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And they took ashes of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it up toward the sky, and it became a boil breaking forth *with sores* upon man and upon beast. <sup>11</sup>And the priests could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boil was upon the priests and upon all the Egyptians. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, even as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, So says the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. <sup>14</sup>For I will at this time send all My plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people, so that you may know that *there is none like Me* in all the earth. <sup>15</sup>For now I will stretch out My hand, that I may strike you and your people with plagues, and you shall be cut off from the earth. <sup>16</sup>And for this reason I have made you stand, to make you see My power, to declare it in all the land. <sup>17</sup>Do you still exalt yourself against My people, that you will not let them go? <sup>18</sup>Behold! Tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, *such as* has not been in Egypt since the foundation of it even until now! <sup>19</sup>And send out, gather your cattle, and all that you have in the field. *Upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

<sup>20</sup>He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle to flee into the houses. <sup>21</sup>And he that did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch forth your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. <sup>23</sup>And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven. And the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. <sup>24</sup>And there *was* hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, *such as* there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. <sup>25</sup>And the hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast. And the hail struck every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. <sup>26</sup>Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

<sup>27</sup>And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned *this* time. The LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked. <sup>28</sup>Pray to the LORD, for *it is* enough. Let there be no more mighty thunderings and hail. And I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer. <sup>29</sup>And Moses said to him, as soon as I go out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands to the LORD. The thunder shall stop, and the hail will not be any more, so that you may know that

the earth is the LORD's. <sup>30</sup>But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not fear the LORD God.

<sup>31</sup>And the flax and the barley was stricken, for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* balled. <sup>32</sup>But the wheat and the rye were not stricken, for they had not grown up. <sup>33</sup>And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands to the LORD. And the thunders and hail stopped, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. <sup>34</sup>And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he sinned still more and hardened his heart, he and his servants. <sup>35</sup>And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the sons of Israel go, even as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, so that I might show these My signs before him, <sup>2</sup>and so that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have worked in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, so that you may know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, So says the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. <sup>4</sup>Else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring the locusts into your coast. <sup>5</sup>And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that one cannot be able to see the earth. And they shall eat the rest of that which has escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field. <sup>6</sup>And they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians, which neither your fathers, nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day they were upon the earth until this day. And he turned himself and went out from Pharaoh.

<sup>7</sup>And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go so that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed? <sup>8</sup>And Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, Go! Serve the LORD your God. Who *are* the ones that shall go? <sup>9</sup>And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters. We will go with our flocks and with our herds. For we *must hold* a feast to the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, May the LORD be so with you, as I send you and your little ones away. Watch out, for evil *is* before you. <sup>11</sup>Not so! You men go now and serve the LORD, for it is you who did desire it. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt and eat every herb of the land, all that the hail has left. <sup>13</sup>And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all the night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. <sup>14</sup>And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested in all the coasts of Egypt, very grievous. Before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. <sup>15</sup>For they covered the face of the whole earth so that the land was darkened. And they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. And there did not remain any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. <sup>16</sup>Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste. And he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. <sup>17</sup>And now please, forgive my sin only *this* once, and pray to the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only. <sup>18</sup>And he went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to the LORD.



<sup>19</sup>And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts and threw them into the Red Sea. There did not remain one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, so that one may even feel the darkness. <sup>22</sup>And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven. And there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. <sup>23</sup>They did not see one another, nor did any rise from his place, *for* three days. But all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings. <sup>24</sup>And Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, You go serve the LORD. Only let your flocks and your herds be left. Let your little ones also go with you. <sup>25</sup>And Moses said, You must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. <sup>26</sup>Our cattle also shall go with us. There shall not be a hoof left behind. For we must take from them to serve the LORD our God. And we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we come there. <sup>27</sup>But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. <sup>28</sup>And Pharaoh said to him, Go away from me! Take heed to yourself; see my face no more. For in the day you see my face you shall die. <sup>29</sup>And Moses said, You have spoken well. I will never see your face again.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, I will still bring one plague yet on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let *you* go from here. When he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out from here altogether. <sup>2</sup>Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow from his neighbor, and every woman from her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. And the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. <sup>4</sup>And Moses said, Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sits upon his throne, even to the firstborn of the maid-servant that *is* behind the mill; also the firstborn of beasts. <sup>6</sup>And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. <sup>7</sup>But against any of the sons of Israel not even a dog shall move his tongue, against man or beast, so that you may know that the LORD puts a difference *between* the Egyptians and Israel. <sup>8</sup>And all these, your servants, shall come down to Me and bow themselves down to Me, saying, You and all the people that follow you get out. And after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Pharaoh shall not listen to you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh. And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup>This month *shall be* to you the beginning of months. It *shall be* the first month of the year to you. <sup>3</sup>Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for his father's house, a lamb for a house. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is *too* little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month.

And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. <sup>7</sup>And they shall take of the blood and strike on the two side posts and upon the upper door post of the houses *in* which they shall eat it. <sup>8</sup>And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted *with* fire, and unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not let *any* of it remain until the morning. And that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup>And you shall eat of it this way, *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in a hurry. It is the LORD's passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will execute judgment against all the princes of Egypt. I *am* the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And the blood shall be a token to you upon the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you for a destruction when I smite in the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>And this day shall be a memorial to you. And you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by a law forever. <sup>15</sup>You shall eat unleavened bread seven days; even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup>And on the first day *shall be* a holy gathering, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy gathering for you. No manner of work shall be done in them, except *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. <sup>17</sup>And you shall keep *the feast of* unleavened bread. For in this same day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall keep this day in your generations by a law forever. <sup>18</sup>In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup>Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses. For whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat nothing leavened. In all your dwelling-places you shall eat unleavened bread.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take a lamb for yourselves according to your families, and kill the passover. <sup>22</sup>And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood in the bowl. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

<sup>24</sup>And you shall observe this thing for a law to you and to your sons forever. <sup>25</sup>And it shall come to pass, when you have come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He has promised, that you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup>And it will be, when your sons shall say to you, What do you mean by this service? <sup>27</sup>You shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshiped. <sup>28</sup>And the sons of Israel went away and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.

<sup>29</sup>And it happened at midnight the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; also all the firstborn of cattle. <sup>30</sup>And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And *there* was

a great cry in Egypt, for *there* was not a house where there was not one dead. <sup>31</sup>And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up! Get away from my people, both you and the sons of Israel! And go serve the LORD, as you have said. <sup>32</sup>Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone. And bless me also.

<sup>33</sup>And the Egyptians were urging the people, that they might send them out of the land in a hurry. For they said, We *are* all dead. <sup>34</sup>And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. <sup>35</sup>And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they borrowed jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing from the Egyptians. <sup>36</sup>And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they loaned to them. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

<sup>37</sup>And the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, the men *being* about six hundred thousand men on foot, apart from little ones. <sup>38</sup>And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and herds, very much cattle. <sup>39</sup>And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not stay, neither had they prepared any food for themselves.

<sup>40</sup>And the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt *was* four hundred and thirty years. <sup>41</sup>And it happened at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even it was on this very day, all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup>It is a night to be much kept to the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This *is* that night of the LORD to be kept by all the sons of Israel in their generations.

<sup>43</sup>And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the Passover. No stranger shall eat of it. <sup>44</sup>But every man's servant that is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it. <sup>45</sup>A foreigner and a hired servant shall not eat of it. <sup>46</sup>It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not carry any of the flesh abroad out of the house. Neither shall you break a bone of it. <sup>47</sup>All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. <sup>48</sup>And when a stranger shall stay with you, and desires to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it. And he shall be as one that is born in the land. And no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. <sup>49</sup>There shall be one law to him that is homeborn, and to the stranger that stays among you.

<sup>50</sup>So all the sons of Israel did. Even as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. <sup>51</sup>And it happened the very same day, *that* the LORD did bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Sanctify all the first-born to Me, whatever opens the womb among the sons of Israel, of man and of beast. It is Mine.

<sup>3</sup>And Moses said to the people, Remember this day *in* which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. For the LORD brought you out from this place by the strength of His hand. There shall be no leavened bread eaten. <sup>4</sup>You came out this day in the month Abib. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be when the LORD shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing *with* milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. <sup>6</sup>You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you, nor shall there be leaven seen with you in all your

borders. <sup>8</sup>And you shall show your son in that day, saying, *This is* because of what the LORD did for me when I came out from Egypt. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth. For the Lord has brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand. <sup>10</sup>You shall therefore keep this law in its season from year to year.

<sup>11</sup>And when the LORD shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that opens the womb, and every firstling that comes of any animal which you have; the males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup>And every firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And it shall be when your sons asks you in time to come, saying, *What is this?* you shall say to him, The LORD brought us out of Egypt by the strength of His hand, from the house of bondage. <sup>15</sup>And it happened when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn of the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that opens the womb, that are males. But all the firstborn of my sons I redeem. <sup>16</sup>And it shall be for a token upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes. For the LORD brought us out from Egypt by strength of *His* hand.

<sup>17</sup>And it happened, when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines although that was near. For God said, Lest the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt. <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around, by the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the sons of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>19</sup>And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him. For he had strictly sworn the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry my bones away from here with you.

<sup>20</sup>And they moved from Succoth and camped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the right way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, to go by day and night. <sup>22</sup>He did not take away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel that they turn and camp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon. You shall camp before *it*, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, *They are* tangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in. <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he will follow after them. And I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and upon all his army, so that the Egyptians may know that *I am* the LORD. And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled. And the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people. And they said, *Why* have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? <sup>6</sup>And he made his chariot ready, and took his people with him. <sup>7</sup>And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he pursued after the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel went out with a high hand. <sup>9</sup>But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army. And they overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup>And when Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel lifted up their eyes. And, behold, the Egyptians marched after them. And they were very afraid. And the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And they said to Moses, Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because there *were* no graves in Egypt? Why have you dealt this way with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Did we not tell you this word in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, so that we may serve the Egyptians? For it *would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

<sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, Do not fear. Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will show you this day. For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them anymore. <sup>14</sup>The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the sons of Israel, that they go forward. <sup>16</sup>But lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it. And the sons of Israel shall go on *dry ground* through the midst of the sea. <sup>17</sup>And behold! I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. And I will get honor for Me upon Pharaoh, and upon all his army, upon his chariots and upon his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have gotten honor for Me upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

<sup>19</sup>And the Angel of God, the one who went before the camp of Israel, moved. And he went to the rear of them. And the pillar of the cloud went from in front of their face and it stood behind them. <sup>20</sup>And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And it was a cloudy and dark night, but it gave light to the night, so that the one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. And the LORD caused the sea to recede by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters divided. <sup>22</sup>And the sons of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground. And the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>And the Egyptians pursued and went after them to the middle of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch it happened that the LORD looked to the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the army of the Egyptians. <sup>25</sup>And He took off their chariot wheels, and made them go heavily, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. <sup>27</sup>And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea. And the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared. And the Egyptians fled against it. And the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. <sup>28</sup>And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. There did not remain so much as one of them. <sup>29</sup>But the sons of Israel walked upon dry land in the middle of the sea. And the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. <sup>31</sup>And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians. And the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>Then the sons of Israel and Moses sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying, I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; *the* horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD *is* my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. He *is* my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD *is* a Man of war; Jehovah *is* His name. <sup>4</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has thrown into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The depths have covered them; they sank into the bottom like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right *hand*, O LORD, has become glorious in power. Your right *hand*, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. <sup>7</sup>And in the greatness of Your excellency You have overthrown them that rose up against You. You sent forth Your wrath, consuming them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>And with the blast of Your nostrils the waters were gathered together; the floods stood upright like a heap; the depths were curdled in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. <sup>10</sup>You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup>You stretched out Your *hand*, the earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup>You in Your mercy have led forth the people which You have redeemed. You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. <sup>14</sup>The people shall hear, being afraid. Sorrow shall take hold on the people of Philistia. <sup>15</sup>Then the princes of Edom shall be amazed. Trembling shall take hold upon the mighty men of Moab. All the people of Canaan shall melt away. <sup>16</sup>Fear and dread shall fall upon them. By the greatness of Your arm they shall be still as a stone, until Your people pass over, O LORD; until the people *whom* You have purchased pass over. <sup>17</sup>You shall bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, O LORD, You have made for You to dwell in; the Sanctuary, O LORD, *which* Your hands have established. <sup>18</sup>The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

<sup>19</sup>For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them. But the sons of Israel went on dry *land* in the middle of the sea.

<sup>20</sup>And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand. And all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. <sup>21</sup>And Miriam answered them, Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

<sup>22</sup>And Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. <sup>23</sup>And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, because it *was* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. <sup>24</sup>And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? <sup>25</sup>And he cried to the LORD. And the LORD showed him a tree. And when he had cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There he made a decree and a law for them, and there he proved them. <sup>26</sup>And he said, If you will carefully listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His laws, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I *am* the LORD who heals you.

<sup>27</sup>And they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water, and seventy palm trees. And they camped there by the waters.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month *after* their departing out of the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Israel said to them, O that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain amount every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or not. <sup>5</sup>And on the sixth day it shall happen, they shall prepare that which they bring in. And it shall be twice as much as they gather day by day. <sup>6</sup>And Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, At evening, then you shall know that the LORD has brought you out from the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of the LORD. For He hears your murmurings against the LORD. And what *are we*, that you murmur against us? <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, *You will see* when the LORD shall give you flesh to eat in *the evening* and bread to the full in the morning, when the LORD hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And what *are we*? Your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Come near before the LORD. For He has heard your murmurings. <sup>10</sup>And it happened as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness. And behold! The glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud! <sup>11</sup>And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup>I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying, You shall eat flesh at evening, and in the morning you shall be filled *with* bread. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

<sup>13</sup>And it happened at evening, the quails came up and covered the camp. And in the morning the dew lay all around the host. <sup>14</sup>And when the layer of dew had gone up, behold, there was a small round thing upon the face of the wilderness, small as the hoar-frost upon the ground. <sup>15</sup>And when the sons of Israel saw, they said, What *is* that? For they did not know what it *was*. And Moses said to them, This *is* the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded: Each man gather of it *according to* his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your souls. Each one shall take for those who are in his camp. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, and some less. <sup>18</sup>And when they measured with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little lacked nothing. They gathered each one according to his eating. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said, Let no man leave of it until the morning. <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning. And it became rotten *with* maggots, and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup>And they gathered it every morning, each man according to his eating. And when the sun became hot, it melted. <sup>22</sup>And it happened, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, This *is* that which the LORD has said, Tomorrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil. And that which remains over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning. <sup>24</sup>And they laid it up until the

morning, as Moses said. And it did not stink, neither was there any worm in it. <sup>25</sup>And Moses said, Eat that today. For today is a sabbath to the LORD. Today you shall not find it in the field. <sup>26</sup>Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

<sup>27</sup>And it happened *some* of the people went out on the seventh day in order to gather. And they did not find *any*. <sup>28</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? <sup>29</sup>See, because the LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore He gives you the bread of two days on the sixth day. Each one stay in his place. Let not any one go out of his place on the seventh day. <sup>30</sup>So the people rested on the seventh day.

<sup>31</sup>And the house of Israel called the name of it *Manna*. And it *was* like coriander seed, white. And the taste of it was like wafers with honey. <sup>32</sup>And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded: Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations, so that you may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. <sup>33</sup>And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot and put an omer full of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. <sup>34</sup>As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. <sup>35</sup>And the sons of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to a land in which people lived. They ate manna until they came into the borders of the land of Canaan. <sup>36</sup>And an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journey, according to the command of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim. And there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>And the people wrangled with Moses and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you wrangle with me? Why do you tempt the LORD? <sup>3</sup>And the people thirsted there for water. And the people murmured against Moses and said, Why *is* this, *that* You brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our sons and our cattle with thirst? <sup>4</sup>And Moses cried to the LORD, saying, What shall I do to this people? They are almost ready to stone me. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go on in front of the people, and take with you the elders of Israel. And take your rod with which you struck the river, in your hand, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb. And you shall smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the wrangling of the sons of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us or not?

<sup>8</sup>Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out to fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. <sup>10</sup>And Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>And it happened when Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup>But Moses' hands *became* heavy. And they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side. And his hands were steady until the going of the sun. <sup>13</sup>And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people by the mouth of the sword.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Write this, a memorial in a book, and set it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. <sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah My



Banner. <sup>16</sup>And he said, A hand *is* on the throne of the LORD; war *is* to the LORD with Amalek from generation to generation.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, <sup>3</sup>and her two sons, of which the name of the one *was* Gershom (for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land), <sup>4</sup>and the name of the other *was* Eliezer (for the God of my father, my help, delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.) <sup>5</sup>And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he camped at the mount of God. <sup>6</sup>And he said to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jethro, have come to you, and your wife and her two sons with her.

<sup>7</sup>And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed down to him, and kissed him. And they asked each other of *their* welfare. And they came into the tent. <sup>8</sup>And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them. <sup>9</sup>And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>10</sup>And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>11</sup>Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods; for in the thing in which they dealt proudly, He was above them.

<sup>12</sup>And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God. And Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

<sup>13</sup>And on the next day it happened that Moses sat to judge the people. And the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening. <sup>14</sup>And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing which you do to the people? Why do you sit alone by yourself, and all the people stand by you from morning to evening? <sup>15</sup>And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God. <sup>16</sup>When they have a matter, they come to me. And I judge between one and another, and I make known the statutes of God and His laws. <sup>17</sup>And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do *is* not good. <sup>18</sup>You will surely wear away, both you and this people that *is* with you. For this thing *is* too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone. <sup>19</sup>Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you. You be for the people toward God, that you may bring the causes to God. <sup>20</sup>And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. <sup>21</sup>And you shall look out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness. And place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. <sup>22</sup>And let them judge the people at all times. And it shall be, every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge. And make *it* easier for yourself, and they shall bear with you. <sup>23</sup>If you will do this thing, and God command you, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

<sup>24</sup>And Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. <sup>25</sup>And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of

tens. <sup>26</sup>And they judged the people at all times. The hard causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. <sup>27</sup>And Moses let his father-in-law depart. And he went his way into his own land.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>In the third month when the sons of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on this day they came to the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>And they journeyed from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mount. <sup>3</sup>And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, You shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the sons of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup>And now if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. <sup>6</sup>And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

<sup>7</sup>And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. <sup>8</sup>And all the people answered together and said, All that the LORD has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Lo, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. <sup>11</sup>And be ready for the third day. For the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. <sup>12</sup>And you shall set bounds to the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves. Do not go up into the mountain, or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be surely put to death. <sup>13</sup>There shall not be a hand to touch it, but that he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, it shall not live. When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mountain.

<sup>14</sup>And Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and sanctified the people. And they washed their clothes. <sup>15</sup>And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day. Do not approach a woman.

<sup>16</sup>And it happened on the third day in the morning, that there *were* thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain. And the voice of the trumpet was exceedingly loud, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God. And they stood at the lower part of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>And Mount Sinai was smoking, all of it, because the LORD came down upon it in fire. And the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. <sup>19</sup>And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go down. Command the people, lest they break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup>And let the priests also, who come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. <sup>23</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai. For You commanded us, saying, Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD said to him, Away! You go down, and you shall come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the

priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break forth upon them. <sup>25</sup>And Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

### CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>I *am* the LORD your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

<sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before Me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make to yourselves any graven image, or any likeness of anything that *is* in the heavens above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth *generation* of those that hate me, <sup>6</sup>and showing mercy to thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandment.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. For the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, you nor your son, nor your daughter, your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not kill.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

<sup>18</sup>And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking. And when the people saw, they moved, and stood afar off. <sup>19</sup>And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear. But let not God speak with us, lest we die. <sup>20</sup>And Moses said to the people, Do not fear, for God has come to test you, and so that His fear may be before your faces, so that you may not sin. <sup>21</sup>And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God *was*.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, So you shall say to the sons of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from Heaven. <sup>23</sup>You shall not make with Me gods of silver, neither shall you make to you gods of gold.

<sup>24</sup>You shall make an altar of earth to Me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In all places where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you. <sup>25</sup>And if you will make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of cut stone. For if you lift up your tool upon it, you have defiled it. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness be not uncovered on it.

### CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the judgments which you shall set before them.

<sup>2</sup>If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years. And in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. <sup>3</sup>If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself. If he was married, then his wife shall go out with him. <sup>4</sup>If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. <sup>5</sup>And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my sons. I do not want to go out free <sup>6</sup>his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door or to the door-post. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.

<sup>7</sup>And if a man sells his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. <sup>8</sup>If she does not please her master, who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no power to sell her to a strange nation, since he has dealt deceitfully with her. <sup>9</sup>And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her as with daughters. <sup>10</sup>If he takes himself another wife, her food, her clothing, and her duty of marriage shall not be lessened. <sup>11</sup>And if he does not do these three to her, then she shall go out free without money.

<sup>12</sup>He that strikes a man, so that he dies, shall be surely put to death. <sup>13</sup>And if a man does not lie in wait, but God delivers *him* into his hand, then I will appoint you a place where he shall flee. <sup>14</sup>But if a man comes presumptuously upon his neighbor to slay him with guile, you shall take him from My altar, so that he may die. <sup>15</sup>And he that strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. <sup>16</sup>And he that steals a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death. <sup>17</sup>And he that curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. <sup>18</sup>And if men strive together, and one strikes another with a stone, or with his fist, and he does not die, but keeps *his* bed; <sup>19</sup>if he rises again and walks abroad upon his staff, then he that struck *him* shall be set free. Only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be completely healed.

<sup>20</sup>And if a man strikes his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished. <sup>21</sup>But if he continues a day or two, he shall not be punished. For he *is* his money. <sup>22</sup>If men strive and strike a pregnant woman, so that her child comes out, and there is no injury, he shall surely be punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him. And he shall pay as the judges say. <sup>23</sup>And if *any* injury occurs, then you shall give life for life, <sup>24</sup>eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, <sup>25</sup>burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

<sup>26</sup>And if a man strike the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, so that it perishes, he shall let him go free on account of his eye. <sup>27</sup>And if he strikes out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

<sup>28</sup>If an ox gores a man or woman so that they die, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten. But the owner of the ox *shall be* set free. <sup>29</sup>But if the ox was apt to push with his horn in time past, and his owner has been told, and he has not kept him in, but that he has killed a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

<sup>30</sup>If there is laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatever is laid upon him. <sup>31</sup>Whether he has gored a son, or has gored a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him. <sup>32</sup>If the ox shall gore a man-servant or a maid-servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

<sup>33</sup>And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass falls in it, <sup>34</sup>the owner of the pit shall make *it* good and give money

to the owner of them. And the dead *animal* shall be his. <sup>35</sup>And in the event the ox of a man damages the ox of a neighbor, so that it dies, then they shall sell the living ox, and they shall divide the money of it. And they shall also divide the dead ox. <sup>36</sup>Or if it is known that the ox has been apt to gore in time past, and his owner has not kept him in, he shall surely pay ox for ox. And the dead shall be his own.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it or sell it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. <sup>2</sup>If a thief is found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, no blood shall be *shed* for him. <sup>3</sup>If the sun is risen upon him, blood is *due* for him. He should repay in full. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. <sup>4</sup>If the theft is certainly found in his hand alive, whether it is an ox, or an ass, or a sheep, he shall restore double.

<sup>5</sup>If a man causes a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his animal, and shall feed in another man's field; he shall repay from the best of his own field, and the best of his own vineyard.

<sup>6</sup>If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that the stacks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field, is burned up, he who kindled the fire shall surely repay in full.

<sup>7</sup>If a man shall deliver to his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house; if the thief is found, let him pay double. <sup>8</sup>If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges, whether he has put his hand to his neighbor's goods.

<sup>9</sup>For every case of trespass, for ox, for ass, for sheep, for clothing, for any kind of lost thing, which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges. Whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double to his neighbor. <sup>10</sup>If a man delivers to his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, or is hurt, or driven away, no one seeing, <sup>11</sup>an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. And the owner of it shall accept it, and he shall not make it good. <sup>12</sup>And if it is stolen from him, he shall fully repay the owner of it. <sup>13</sup>If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it *for* witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

<sup>14</sup>And if a man borrows from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, and the owner of it not with it, he shall surely make it good. <sup>15</sup>If the owner of it *is* with it, he shall not make it good. If it *is* hired, it came for its hire.

<sup>16</sup>And if a man lures a virgin who is not promised, and lies with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. <sup>17</sup>If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

<sup>18</sup>You shall not allow a witch to live.

<sup>19</sup>Anyone lying with an animal shall surely be put to death.

<sup>20</sup>One sacrificing to a god, except *it is* to Jehovah only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

<sup>21</sup>You shall neither vex a stranger nor oppress *him*, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup>You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. <sup>23</sup>If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry. <sup>24</sup>And My wrath shall become hot, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows, and your sons fatherless.

<sup>25</sup>If you lend money to *one of My people who is* poor beside you, you shall not be to him as a money-lender, neither shall you lay upon him interest. <sup>26</sup>If you at all take your neighbor's clothing as a pledge, you shall deliver it to him by the

time the sun goes down. <sup>27</sup>For that is his covering only, it is his clothing for his skin. In what shall he sleep? And it will be, when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I *am* gracious.

<sup>28</sup>You shall not revile God, nor curse the ruler of your people.

<sup>29</sup>You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe fruits and of your sap. You shall give the firstborn of your sons to Me. <sup>30</sup>Likewise you shall do with your oxen and with your sheep; it shall be with its dam seven days. On the eighth day you shall give it to Me. <sup>31</sup>And you shall be holy men to Me. Neither shall you eat flesh torn by *beasts* in the field. You shall throw it to the dogs.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>You shall not raise a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. <sup>2</sup>You shall not follow a multitude to do evil. Neither shall you speak in a cause in order to follow many in order to wrest judgment. <sup>3</sup>And you should not favor a poor man in his cause.

<sup>4</sup>If you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. <sup>5</sup>If you see the ass of him who hates you lying under his burden, and would hold back from helping him, you shall surely help him.

<sup>6</sup>You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his cause. <sup>7</sup>Keep far from a false matter, and do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked. <sup>8</sup>And you shall take no gift, for the gift blinds the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>Also you shall not oppress a stranger. For you know the heart of a stranger, since you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

<sup>10</sup>And you shall sow your land six years, and shall gather in the fruits of it. <sup>11</sup>But the seventh *year* you shall let it rest and lie still, so that the poor of your people may eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. In the same way you shall deal with your vineyard *and* with your oliveyard.

<sup>12</sup>You shall do your work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. <sup>13</sup>And be watchful in all that I have said to you. And make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>You shall keep a feast to Me three times in the year. <sup>15</sup>You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And no one shall appear before Me empty.

<sup>16</sup>Also the Feast of Harvest, the first-fruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field. Also the Feast of Ingathering, in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field. <sup>17</sup>Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.

<sup>18</sup>You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, neither shall the fat of My sacrifice remain until the morning. <sup>19</sup>The first of the first-fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

<sup>20</sup>Behold, I send an Angel before you, to keep you in the way, and to bring you in the way, and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. <sup>21</sup>Beware of Him, and obey His voice. Do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions. For My name is in Him. <sup>22</sup>But if you shall indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and a foe to your foes. <sup>23</sup>For My Angel shall go before you and bring you in to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Jebusites. And I will cut them off.

<sup>24</sup>You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them. And you shall not do according to their works. But you shall surely pull them down, and surely you shall smash their images. <sup>25</sup>And you shall serve the LORD your God, and He shall bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. <sup>26</sup>Nothing shall cast their young, nor be barren in your land. The number of your days I will fulfill. <sup>27</sup>I will send My fear before you, and will destroy all the people to whom you shall come. And I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. <sup>28</sup>And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite before you. <sup>29</sup>I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become a waste, and the beast of the field multiply against you. <sup>30</sup>By little and little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and inherit the land. <sup>31</sup>And I will stretch your bounds from the Red Sea even to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the river. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. <sup>32</sup>You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods. <sup>33</sup>They shall not dwell in your land lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it surely will be a snare to you.

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And He said to Moses, Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. And bow yourselves afar off. <sup>2</sup>And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near. Neither shall the people go up with him. <sup>3</sup>And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, All the words which the LORD has said, we will do. <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the hill and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the sons of Israel who offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient. <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you concerning all these words.

<sup>9</sup>And Moses went up, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup>And they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in clearness. <sup>11</sup>And upon the nobles of the sons of Israel he did not lay his hands. Also they saw God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Come up to Me in the mountain, and be there. And I will give you tablets of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written, so that you may teach them. <sup>13</sup>And Moses rose up, and his attendant Joshua. And Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, You stay here for us until we come again to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has any matters to do, let him come to them. <sup>15</sup>And Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>And the glory of the LORD abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the sons of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mountain. And Moses was in the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring Me an offering. You shall take an offering from every man that gives it willingly with his heart. <sup>3</sup>And this is the offering which you shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, <sup>4</sup>and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and bleached *linen*, and goats' hair, <sup>5</sup>and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and acacia-wood, <sup>6</sup>oil for the light, spices for anointing oil and for sweet incense, <sup>7</sup>onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. <sup>8</sup>And let them make Me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. <sup>9</sup>According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments of it, even so you shall make it.

<sup>10</sup>And they shall make an ark of acacia-wood. Two and a half cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. <sup>11</sup>And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold. You shall overlay it inside and out, and shall make on it a crown of gold all around. <sup>12</sup>And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and shall put it on its four feet. And two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. <sup>13</sup>And you shall make staves of acacia-wood, and overlay them *with* gold. <sup>14</sup>And you shall put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, so that the ark may be carried with them. <sup>15</sup>And the staves shall be in the rings of the ark. They shall not be taken from it. <sup>16</sup>And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

<sup>17</sup>And you shall make a mercy-seat of pure gold. Two and a half cubits *shall be* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it. <sup>18</sup>And you shall make two cherubs of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat. <sup>19</sup>And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end. From the mercy-seat you shall make the cherubs, on the two ends of it. <sup>20</sup>And the cherubs shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces each toward the other; toward the mercy-seat shall the cherubs' faces be. <sup>21</sup>And you shall put the mercy-seat above, upon the ark. And you shall put the testimony that I shall give you, in the ark. <sup>22</sup>And I will meet with you there, and I will talk with you from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubs on the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the sons of Israel.

<sup>23</sup>You shall also make a table of acacia-wood, its length two cubits and its breadth a cubit, and its height a cubit and a half. <sup>24</sup>And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make to this a crown of gold all around. <sup>25</sup>And you shall make to it a border of a hand's breadth round about. And you shall make a golden crown to the border of it, all around. <sup>26</sup>And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet of it. <sup>27</sup>The rings shall be adjoining the border as places for the staves to carry the table. <sup>28</sup>And you shall make the staves of acacia-wood and overlay them with gold, so that the table may be carried with them. <sup>29</sup>And you shall make its dishes, and its spoons, and its covers, and its sacrificial cups *with* which a drink-offering is made. You shall make them of pure gold. <sup>30</sup>And you shall set upon the table showbread before Me always.

<sup>31</sup>And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of beaten work — its shaft, and its branches, its cups, its knobs, and its blossoms, shall be from it. <sup>32</sup>And six branches shall come out of the sides of it — three branches of the lampstand out of the one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. <sup>33</sup>Three almond-like cups on the one branch, *with* knob and blossom; and three almond-like cups on the one branch, *with* knob



and blossom — so for the six branches, those going out of the lampstand.<sup>34</sup> And in the lampstand *shall be* four almond-like cups, with their knobs and their blossoms;<sup>35</sup> and a knob under two branches of it, and a knob under two branches of it, and a knob under two branches of it, according to the six branches, those going out of the lampstand.<sup>36</sup> Their knobs and their branches shall be of it, all of it one beaten work of pure gold.<sup>37</sup> And you shall make the seven lamps of it. And one shall light the lamps of it, so that they may give light on its face.<sup>38</sup> And the tongs of it, and its snuff-dishes *shall be* of pure gold.<sup>39</sup> One shall make it of a talent of pure gold, with all these vessels.<sup>40</sup> And see that you make *them* after their pattern, which was shown you in the mountain.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined bleached linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet. You shall make them with cherubs, of the work of a cunning workman.<sup>2</sup>The length of one curtain *shall be* twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have one measure.<sup>3</sup>The five curtains shall be coupled together to one another. And five curtains shall be coupled together, each to its sister.<sup>4</sup>And you shall make loops of blue, from the end at the juncture; and so you shall do at the edge of the last curtain, at the second juncture.<sup>5</sup>You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the end of the curtain which is at second juncture, the corresponding loops each to her sister.<sup>6</sup>You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and you shall join the curtains each to her sister by the clasps. And it shall be one tabernacle.

<sup>7</sup>And you shall make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains.<sup>8</sup>The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits, one measure to the eleven curtains.<sup>9</sup>And you shall join five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. And you shall double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.<sup>10</sup>And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of one curtain, the last at the juncture, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that joins.<sup>11</sup>And you shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, so that it may be one.<sup>12</sup>And the rest that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.<sup>13</sup>And the cubit from this *side*, and the cubit from that *side* that remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall be hung over the sides of the tabernacle, from this and from that *side*, to cover it.<sup>14</sup>And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

<sup>15</sup>And you shall make boards for the tabernacle of acacia-wood standing up.<sup>16</sup>Ten cubits shall be the length of one board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.<sup>17</sup>There *shall be* two pins in one board, each connected to its sister-piece. So you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.<sup>18</sup>And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.<sup>19</sup>And you shall make forty sockets of silver for the twenty boards — two sockets under one board for its two pins, and two sockets under *another* board for its two pins.<sup>20</sup>And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side *shall be* twenty boards,<sup>21</sup>and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board, and two sockets under *another* board.<sup>22</sup>And for the sides of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards.<sup>23</sup>And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the sides.<sup>24</sup>And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it to one ring. So it shall be for them both. They shall be for the two corners.<sup>25</sup>And *there* shall be

eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets — two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

<sup>26</sup>And you shall make bars of acacia-wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, <sup>27</sup>and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle; and five bars for the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. <sup>28</sup>And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. <sup>29</sup>And you shall overlay the boards *with* gold, and you shall make their rings of gold, housings for the bars. And you shall overlay the bars *with* gold.

<sup>30</sup>And you shall rear up the tabernacle according to the pattern of it which was shown you in the mountain. <sup>31</sup>And you shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen* of embroidered work. It shall be made *with* cherubs. <sup>32</sup>And you shall hang it upon four pillars of acacia-wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

<sup>33</sup>And you shall hang up the veil under the clasps, that you may bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall divide for you between the holy place and the Holy of Holies. <sup>34</sup>And you shall put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the Holy of Holies. <sup>35</sup>And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south. And you shall put the table on the north side.

<sup>36</sup>And you shall make a screen for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*, worked with needlework. <sup>37</sup>And you shall make five pillars of acacia-wood for the screen, and overlay them *with* gold; their hooks shall be of gold. And you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And you shall make an altar of acacia-wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square. And the height of it shall be three cubits. <sup>2</sup>And you shall make the horns of it upon the four corners of it. Its horns shall be of the same, and you shall overlay it *with* bronze. <sup>3</sup>And you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its flesh-hooks, and its fire-pans. All the vessels of it you shall make of bronze. <sup>4</sup>And you shall make for it a grate of network of bronze. And upon the net you shall make four bronze rings in the four corners of it. <sup>5</sup>And you shall put it under the compass of the altar beneath, so that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. <sup>6</sup>And you shall make staves for the altar, staves of acacia-wood, and overlay them *with* bronze. <sup>7</sup>And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to carry it. <sup>8</sup>You shall make it hollow *with* boards; as it was shown you in the mountain, so shall they make it.

<sup>9</sup>And you shall make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined bleached *linen*, of a hundred cubits long for one side. <sup>10</sup>And the twenty pillars of it, and their twenty sockets, shall be of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver. <sup>11</sup>And likewise for the north side *in* length there shall be hangings of a hundred cubits long. And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver. <sup>12</sup>And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits. Their pillars shall be ten, and their sockets ten. <sup>13</sup>And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. <sup>14</sup>The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits. Their pillars shall be three, and their sockets three; <sup>15</sup>and on the other side hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. <sup>16</sup>And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*, worked with needlework; their pillars four, and their

sockets four. <sup>17</sup>All the pillars around the court *shall be* banded with silver; their hooks silver, and their sockets of bronze.

<sup>18</sup>The length of the court *shall be* a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty cubits everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined bleached *linen*, and their sockets of bronze. <sup>19</sup>All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service of it, and all the pins of it, and all the pins of the court, *shall be* of bronze.

<sup>20</sup>And you shall command the sons of Israel that they bring you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always <sup>21</sup>in the tabernacle of the congregation, outside the veil which is before the testimony. Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD. *It shall be* a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the sons of Israel.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And you shall take to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, so that he may minister to Me in the priest's office: Aaron *and* Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>2</sup>And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. <sup>3</sup>And you shall speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, so that he may minister to Me in the priest's office. <sup>4</sup>And these *are* the garments which they shall make: a breast-pocket, and an ephod, and a robe, and an embroidered coat, a miter, and a girdle. And they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his sons, so that he may minister to Me in the priest's office.

<sup>5</sup>And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and bleached *linen*.

<sup>6</sup>And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*, with embroidered work. <sup>7</sup>It shall have the two shoulder-pieces of it joined at the two edges of it. And so it shall be joined together. <sup>8</sup>And the embroidered girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work of it — of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*.

<sup>9</sup>And you shall take two onyx stones, and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel. <sup>10</sup>Six of their names *shall be* on one stone, and six of the remaining names on the other stone, according to their birth. <sup>11</sup>With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall make them to be set in settings of gold. <sup>12</sup>And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial to the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

<sup>13</sup>And you shall make plaited work of gold, <sup>14</sup>and two chains of pure gold at the ends. You shall make them of woven work, and fasten the woven chains to the plaited work.

<sup>15</sup>And you shall make the breast-pocket of judgment with embroidered work. After the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*, you shall make it. <sup>16</sup>It shall be square, doubled; a span the length of it, and a span the breadth of it. <sup>17</sup>And you shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones. The first row *shall be* a sardius, topaz, and carbuncle *in* the first row. <sup>18</sup>And the second row: an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. <sup>19</sup>And the third row: an opal, an agate, and an amethyst. <sup>20</sup>And the fourth row: a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold in their fillings. <sup>21</sup>And the stones shall be with the names of the sons of Israel, twelve,

according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet. They shall be each one with his name according to the twelve tribes.

<sup>22</sup>And you shall make chains upon the breast-pocket at the ends; woven work of pure gold. <sup>23</sup>And you shall make upon the breast-pocket two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-pocket. <sup>24</sup>And you shall put the two woven chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-pocket. <sup>25</sup>And the two ends of the two cords you shall fasten on the two plaitings, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before it. <sup>26</sup>And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breast-pocket in the border of it, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward. <sup>27</sup>And you shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the front of it, near its joining, above the embroidered girdle of the ephod. <sup>28</sup>And they shall bind the breast-pocket by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and so that the breast-pocket may not be loosed from the ephod. <sup>29</sup>And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breast-pocket of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. <sup>30</sup>And you shall put in the breast-pocket of judgment the Urim and the Thummim. And they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

<sup>31</sup>And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. <sup>32</sup>And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in its middle; a binding shall be all around its mouth, of woven work. It shall be like the mouth of a corselet; it may not be torn. <sup>33</sup>And on its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, all around its hem. And bells of gold *shall be* between them all around. <sup>34</sup>There *shall be* a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around. <sup>35</sup>And it shall be on Aaron to serve. And his sound shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before the LORD, and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

<sup>36</sup>And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and carve on it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH. <sup>37</sup>And you shall put it on a blue lace, so that it may be on the miter; on the front of the miter it shall be. <sup>38</sup>And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, so that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts. And it shall always be on his forehead, so that they may be accepted before the LORD.

<sup>39</sup>And you shall weave the tunic of bleached *linen*, and you shall make the miter of bleached *linen*, and you shall make the girdle of needlework. <sup>40</sup>And you shall make tunics for Aaron's sons, and you shall make for them girdles, and bonnets you shall make for them, for glory and for beauty. <sup>41</sup>And you shall clothe Aaron your brother, and his sons with him. And you shall anoint them, and you shall consecrate them, and you shall sanctify them, so that they may minister to Me in the priest's office. <sup>42</sup>And you shall make them linen breeches to cover the naked flesh; from the loins even to the thighs they shall reach. <sup>43</sup>And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in to the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place; so that they do not bear iniquity, and die. *It shall be* a statute forever to him and his seed after him.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And this *is* the thing that you shall do to them, to hallow them to minister to Me in the priest's office. Take one young bull, the son of the herd, and two rams

without blemish, <sup>2</sup>and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mixed with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil. You shall make them of wheat flour. <sup>3</sup>And you shall put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams. <sup>4</sup>And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall wash them with water. <sup>5</sup>And you shall take the garments, and clothe Aaron *with* the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-pocket, and gird him with the embroidered girdle of the ephod. <sup>6</sup>And you shall put the miter upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the miter. <sup>7</sup>Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour on his head, and anoint him. <sup>8</sup>And you shall bring his sons and clothe them *with* tunics. <sup>9</sup>And you shall gird them *with* girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them. And the priest's office shall be theirs for an everlasting statute. And you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. <sup>10</sup>And you shall cause a bull to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bull. <sup>11</sup>And you shall kill the bull before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>12</sup>And you shall take of the blood of the bull, and put *it* on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. <sup>13</sup>And you shall take all the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe on the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, and burn them upon the altar. <sup>14</sup>But the flesh of the bull, and its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. *It is* a sin offering.

<sup>15</sup>And you shall also take one ram. And Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. <sup>16</sup>And you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle all round upon the altar. <sup>17</sup>And you shall cut the ram in pieces, and you shall wash its inward parts and its legs, and put *them* with its pieces and with its head. <sup>18</sup>And you shall burn the whole ram upon the altar. *It is* a burnt offering to the LORD. *It is* a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

<sup>19</sup>And you shall take the other ram. And Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. <sup>20</sup>Then you shall kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar all around. <sup>21</sup>And you shall take of the blood on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him. And he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. <sup>22</sup>Also you shall take from the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe on the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and the right shoulder, for *it is* a ram of consecration; <sup>23</sup>and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And you shall put all in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and shall wave *them* for a wave offering before the LORD. <sup>25</sup>And you shall receive them from their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor before the LORD. *It is* an offering made by fire to the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave *it* for a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be your part. <sup>27</sup>And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which *is* lifted from the ram of the consecration, from what *is* Aaron's, and from what *is* for his sons. <sup>28</sup>And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute forever from the sons of Israel. For *it is* a heave offering. And it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their heave offering to the LORD.

<sup>29</sup>And the holy robes of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and consecrated in them. <sup>30</sup>The one of his sons that is priest in his place shall put them on seven days, when *he* comes into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

<sup>31</sup>And you shall take the ram of the consecration, and boil its flesh in the holy place. <sup>32</sup>And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that *is* in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>33</sup>And they shall eat those *things* with which the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them. But a stranger shall not eat of them, because they are holy. <sup>34</sup>And if *any* of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

<sup>35</sup>And so you shall do to Aaron and to his sons according to all things which I have commanded you. You shall consecrate them seven days. <sup>36</sup>And you shall offer every day a bull, a sin offering for atonement. And you shall cleanse the altar when you have made an atonement, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. <sup>37</sup>You shall make an atonement for the altar seven days, and sanctify it. And it shall be a most holy altar. Whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

<sup>38</sup>And this *is* what you shall offer upon the altar: two lambs of the first year day by day forever. <sup>39</sup>The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at evening. <sup>40</sup>And with the one lamb a tenth part of flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine, a drink offering. <sup>41</sup>And you shall offer the other lamb at evening; you shall do to it according to the meal offering of the morning, and according to its drink offering, for a sweet smell, an offering made by fire to the LORD. <sup>42</sup>*This shall be* a burnt offering forever throughout your generations, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD, where I will meet you, to speak there to you. <sup>43</sup>And there I will meet with the sons of Israel, and Israel shall be sanctified by My glory. <sup>44</sup>And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. I will also sanctify both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me in the priest's office. <sup>45</sup>And I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will be their God. <sup>46</sup>And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt so that I may dwell among them. I *am* the LORD their God.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And you shall make an altar to burn incense upon. You shall make it of acacia-wood. <sup>2</sup>A cubit *shall be* its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square. And two cubits shall be the height of it, its horns *shall be* from itself. <sup>3</sup>And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold, the top of it, and the sides of it all around, and the horns of it. And you shall make to it a crown of gold all around. <sup>4</sup>And you shall make two golden rings to it under the crown of it, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides of it you shall make *it*. And they shall be housings for the staves to bear it with. <sup>5</sup>And you shall make the staves of acacia-wood and overlay them *with* gold. <sup>6</sup>And you shall put it before the veil that *is* by the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy-seat that is beside the testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>7</sup>And Aaron shall burn sweet incense on it every morning; when he dresses the lamps he shall burn incense upon it. <sup>8</sup>And when Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. <sup>9</sup>You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meal offering. Neither shall you pour drink offering on it. <sup>10</sup>And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin

offerings of atonement. He shall make atonement once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>12</sup>When you count the sons of Israel, of those who are to be counted, then they shall each man give a ransom for his soul to the LORD when you number them, so that there may be no plague among them when you number them. <sup>13</sup>They shall give this, every one that passes among those who are counted, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs); a half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>Everyone that passes among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the LORD. <sup>15</sup>The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering to the LORD to make an atonement for your souls. <sup>16</sup>And you shall take the atonement money of the sons of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, so that it may be a memorial to the sons of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup>You shall also make a laver of bronze and its foot also of bronze, for washing. And you shall put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And you shall put water in it, <sup>19</sup>for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet there. <sup>20</sup>When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash *with* water so that they do not die. Or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, <sup>21</sup>they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they do not die. And it shall be a statute forever to them, to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>Take also to you principal spices, five hundred *shekels* of pure myrrh, and half as much of sweet cinnamon, even two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet calamus, <sup>24</sup>and five hundred of cassia, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. <sup>25</sup>And you shall make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. <sup>26</sup>And you shall anoint the tabernacle of the congregation with it, and the ark of the testimony, <sup>27</sup>and the table and all its vessels, and the lampstand and its vessels, and the altar of incense, <sup>28</sup>and the altar of burnt offerings with all its vessels, and the laver and its foot. <sup>29</sup>And you shall sanctify them so that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them shall be holy. <sup>30</sup>And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them, so that *they* may minister to Me in the priest's office. <sup>31</sup>And you shall speak to the sons of Israel saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. <sup>32</sup>It shall not be poured upon man's flesh, neither shall you make *any* other like it, according to the way it is made. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. <sup>33</sup>Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people. <sup>34</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Take to yourself sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; sweet spices with pure frankincense. There shall be the same of each. <sup>35</sup>And you shall make it a perfume, an incense according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure and holy. <sup>36</sup>And you shall beat *some* of it very small, and put it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. <sup>37</sup>And the perfume which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves according to the way it is made. It shall be holy to you for the LORD. <sup>38</sup>Whoever shall make *any* like that, to smell of it, shall even be cut off from his people.

## CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Behold, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup>And I have filled him *with* the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, <sup>4</sup>in order to work out cunning works; to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, <sup>5</sup>and in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. <sup>6</sup>And behold, I have given to him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have put wisdom in the hearts of all those who are wise-hearted, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup>the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that *is* upon it, and all the vessels of the tabernacle, <sup>8</sup>and the table and its vessels, and the pure lampstand with all its vessels, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup>and the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base, <sup>10</sup>and the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, <sup>11</sup>and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>13</sup>Speak also to the sons of Israel saying, Truly you shall keep My sabbaths. For it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, to know that *I am* the LORD who sanctifies you. <sup>14</sup>You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it *is* holy to you. Everyone that defiles it shall surely be put to death. For whoever does any work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>15</sup>Six days may work be done, but on the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. <sup>16</sup>Therefore the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant. <sup>17</sup>It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever. For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.

<sup>18</sup>And He gave to Moses, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

## CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>And the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, and the people gathered themselves to Aaron. And *they* said to him, Up! Make us gods who shall go before us. For this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. <sup>2</sup>And Aaron said to them, Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* to me. <sup>3</sup>And all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>And he took *them* from their hand, and fashioned it with an engraving tool. And he made it a molten calf. And they said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And when Aaron saw, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, Tomorrow is a feast to Jehovah. <sup>6</sup>And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Go! Get down, for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*. <sup>8</sup>They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who have brought you up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>And the



LORD said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup>And now leave Me alone, so that My wrath may become hot against them and so that I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation. <sup>11</sup>And Moses prayed to the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why does Your wrath become hot against Your people whom You have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians speak and say, He brought them out for harm, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against Your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD repented of the evil which He spoke of doing to His people.

<sup>15</sup>And Moses turned, and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand. The tablets *were* written on both sides; on the one side and on the other. <sup>16</sup>And the tablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God. It *was* engraved on the tablets. <sup>17</sup>And Joshua heard the voice of the people in their shouting. And he said to Moses, A sound of war in the camp! <sup>18</sup>And he said, It is not a sound of a cry of victory, nor a sound of the cry of defeat. I *am* hearing the sound of singing. <sup>19</sup>And it happened, as he came near to the camp and saw the calf and dances, the anger of Moses became hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, and broke them at the bottom of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>And he took the calf which they had made and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and dropped it upon the water, and made the sons of Israel drink it.

<sup>21</sup>And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people do to you, that you have brought so great a sin upon them? <sup>22</sup>And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they *are set* on mischief. <sup>23</sup>For they said to me, Make us gods who shall go before us. For this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. <sup>24</sup>And I said to them, Whoever *has* any gold, let them break it off. And they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

<sup>25</sup>And when Moses saw that the people *were* naked, (for Aaron had made them naked to *their* shame among their enemies,) <sup>26</sup>then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *Come* to me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves to him. <sup>27</sup>And he said to them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Each man put his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and kill each one his brother, and each one his neighbor, and each one his kindred. <sup>28</sup>And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. <sup>29</sup>For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, since each one *has been* against his son, and against his brother, and in order to give you a blessing today.

<sup>30</sup>And it happened on the next day, Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD. Perhaps I shall make an atonement for your sin. <sup>31</sup>And Moses returned to the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made themselves gods of gold. <sup>32</sup>And now will You forgive their sin! And if not, I pray You, blot me out of Your book which You have written. <sup>33</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. <sup>34</sup>And now go, lead the people to *the place* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. And in the day of My

visitation I will visit their sin upon them.<sup>35</sup> And the LORD plagued the people because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Come, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, To your seed I will give it.<sup>2</sup> And I will send an angel before you. And I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite;<sup>3</sup> to a land flowing *with* milk and honey. For I will not go up in the midst of you, for you *are* a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you in the way.

<sup>4</sup>And the people heard these evil tidings, and they mourned, and did not put any ornaments on himself.<sup>5</sup> And the LORD had said to Moses, Say to the sons of Israel, You *are* a stiff-necked people. I will come up into the midst of you in a moment, and I will consume you. And now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do with you.<sup>6</sup> And the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

<sup>7</sup>And Moses took the tabernacle and pitched it outside the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of the congregation. And it happened that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* outside the camp.<sup>8</sup> And it happened as Moses went out to the tabernacle, all the people rose up, and each man stood at his tent door and looked after Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.<sup>9</sup> And it happened as Moses went into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.<sup>10</sup> And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door. And all the people rose up and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door.<sup>11</sup> And the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again to the camp. But his servant, Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the tabernacle.

<sup>12</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, Behold, You say to me, Bring up this people. And You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.<sup>13</sup> Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You, that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people.<sup>14</sup> And He said, My presence shall go *with* you, and I will give you rest.<sup>15</sup> And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go *with* me, do not carry us up from here.<sup>16</sup> For in what shall it be known here that I and Your people have found grace in Your sight? *Is it* not in that You go with us? So we shall be separated, I and Your people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken. For you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.<sup>18</sup> And he said, I beseech You, Show me Your glory.<sup>19</sup> And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will have mercy on whom I will have mercy.<sup>20</sup> And He said, You cannot see My face. For there shall no man see Me and live.<sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, Behold! *There is* a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock.<sup>22</sup> And it will be, while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.<sup>23</sup> And I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back parts. But My face shall not be seen.

## CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, cut out two tablets of stone like the first. And I will write upon the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke. <sup>2</sup>And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me in the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>And no man shall come up with you, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mountain. Also do not let the flocks nor herds feed before that mountain.

<sup>4</sup>And he cut out two tablets of stone like the first. And Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD passed by before him and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup>keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty — visiting the *iniquity* of fathers on the sons, and on the sons of sons, to the third and to the fourth *generation*. <sup>8</sup>And Moses made haste and bowed toward the earth, and worshiped. <sup>9</sup>And he said, If now I have found grace in Your sight, O LORD, I pray You, let my Lord go among us. For it is a stiff-necked people. And pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance.

<sup>10</sup>And He said, Behold! I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation. And all the people in whose midst you *are* shall see the work of the LORD, for it is a terrible thing that I will do with you. <sup>11</sup>Observe that which I command you this day. Behold! I drive out before you the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. <sup>12</sup>Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the people of the land where you go, lest it be for a snare in the midst of you. <sup>13</sup>But you shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves. <sup>14</sup>For you shall worship no other god. For the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God; <sup>15</sup>lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice to their gods, and call you, and you eat of his sacrifice; <sup>16</sup>and lest you take from their daughters for your sons, and their daughters go whoring after their gods and make your sons go whoring after their gods. <sup>17</sup>You shall make you no molten gods.

<sup>18</sup>You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time of the month Abib. For in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. <sup>19</sup>All that opens the womb is Mine. And every firstling among your cattle, ox or sheep, is Mine. <sup>20</sup>But the firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty.

<sup>21</sup>You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. <sup>22</sup>And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. <sup>23</sup>Three times in the year your men shall appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders. Neither shall any man desire your land when you shall go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year. <sup>25</sup>You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven. Neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover be left to the morning. <sup>26</sup>The first of the first-fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

<sup>27</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Write these words for yourself; for on the mouth of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. <sup>28</sup>And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread, nor drank water. And He wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

<sup>29</sup>And it happened as Moses was going down from the mountain of Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony being in Moses' hand as he went down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face had become luminous through His speaking with him. <sup>30</sup>And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone. And they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>And Moses called to them. And Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>And afterward all the sons of Israel came near. And he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And Moses finished speaking with them, and he put a veil on his face. <sup>34</sup>But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel that which he was commanded. <sup>35</sup>And the sons of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. And Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And Moses gathered all the congregation of the sons of Israel together and said to them, These *are* the words which the LORD has commanded, that *you* should do them. <sup>2</sup>Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does work in it shall be put to death. <sup>3</sup>You shall kindle no fire throughout your living places upon the Sabbath day.

<sup>4</sup>And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded. He said, <sup>5</sup>Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD: gold, and silver, and bronze, <sup>6</sup>and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and bleached *linen*, and goats *hair*, <sup>7</sup>and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and acacia-wood, <sup>8</sup>and oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, <sup>9</sup>and onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breast-pocket. <sup>10</sup>And every wise-hearted one among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded: <sup>11</sup>the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets. <sup>12</sup>And make the ark and the staves of it, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the covering, <sup>13</sup>the table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and showbread, <sup>14</sup>also the lampstand for the light, and its vessels, and its lamp, with the oil for the light, <sup>15</sup>and the incense altar, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging of the door at the entering in of the tabernacle. <sup>16</sup>And make the altar of burnt offering, with its bronze grate, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base, <sup>17</sup>the hangings of the court, its pillars and their sockets, and the hanging, for the door of the court, <sup>18</sup>the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords, <sup>19</sup>the cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

<sup>20</sup>And all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup>And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom His spirit made willing. They brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all His service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup>And the men came in together with the women, as many as were

willing-hearted, bringing bracelets and earrings, and rings and tablets, all jewels of gold. And everyone who offered waved a wave offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And everyone *with* whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and bleached *linen*, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*. <sup>24</sup>Everyone that offered an offering of silver and bronze brought the LORD's offering. And everyone *with* whom was found acacia-wood for any work of the service, brought *it*. <sup>25</sup>And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands. And they brought spun yarn, blue, and purple, scarlet, and bleached *linen*. <sup>26</sup>And all the women whose hearts were lifted up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*. <sup>27</sup>And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breast-pocket. <sup>28</sup>And they brought spice and oil, for the light and for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense. <sup>29</sup>The sons of Israel brought a willing offering to the LORD, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring for all kinds of work which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

<sup>30</sup>And Moses said to the sons of Israel, See, the LORD has called the son of Uri the son of Hur, by the name Bezaleel, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>31</sup>And He has filled him *with* the spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of work, <sup>32</sup>and to work out skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, <sup>33</sup>and in the cutting of stones to set, and in carving of wood, to make any kind of skillful work. <sup>34</sup>And He has put in his heart that he may teach, he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. <sup>35</sup>He has filled them *with* wisdom of heart to work all kinds of work; of the carver, and of the skillful worker, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in bleached *linen*, and of the weaver, of those who do any work, and of those who work out artful work.

## CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And Bezaleel and Aholiab shall work *with* everyone wise of heart *to* whom the LORD has given wisdom and intelligence, to know how to do every work of the service of the holy place, concerning all which the LORD had commanded.

<sup>2</sup>And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up to come, to do the work. <sup>3</sup>And they received all the offerings from Moses, the offering which the sons of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it. And they still brought to him free offerings every morning. <sup>4</sup>And all the wise men who worked all the work of the sanctuary came, every man from his work which they made.

<sup>5</sup>And they spoke to Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make. <sup>6</sup>And Moses commanded, and they caused it to be known throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. And the people were kept from bringing. <sup>7</sup>For the stuff which they had was enough for all the work to make it, and too much.

<sup>8</sup>And every wise-hearted man among them that worked the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains of fine twined bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and scarlet. He made them *with* cherubs of skillful work. <sup>9</sup>The length of one curtain *was* twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain was four cubits. The curtains were all of one size. <sup>10</sup>And he coupled the five curtains to one another, and he coupled the other five curtains to one another. <sup>11</sup>And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the edge in the coupling. Likewise he made loops in the outermost side, in the coupling of the second curtain. <sup>12</sup>He

made fifty loops in one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second. The loops held one to another. <sup>13</sup>And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another with the clasps. And it became one tabernacle.

<sup>14</sup>And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle. He made eleven curtains. <sup>15</sup>The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the breadth of one curtain. The eleven curtains were of one size. <sup>16</sup>And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. <sup>17</sup>And he made fifty loops on the outermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and he made fifty loops upon the edge of the curtains which coupled the second. <sup>18</sup>And he made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together, so that it might be one. <sup>19</sup>And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above.

<sup>20</sup>And he made boards for the tabernacle of acacia-wood, standing up. <sup>21</sup>The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board was one and a half cubits. <sup>22</sup>One board had two pins, equally distant from one another. So he made for all the boards of the tabernacle.

<sup>23</sup>And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. <sup>24</sup>And he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two pins, and two sockets under another board for its two pins. <sup>25</sup>And for the other side of the tabernacle, toward the north, he made twenty boards, <sup>26</sup>and their forty sockets were of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. <sup>27</sup>And he made six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

<sup>28</sup>And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. <sup>29</sup>And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head of it, to one ring. So he did to both of them in both the corners. <sup>30</sup>And there were eight boards. And their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, two sockets under every board.

<sup>31</sup>And he made bars of acacia-wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, <sup>32</sup>and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the westward sides. <sup>33</sup>And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other. <sup>34</sup>And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

<sup>35</sup>And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached linen. He made it the work of an artisan, with cherubs. <sup>36</sup>And he made for it four pillars of acacia. And he overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold, and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

<sup>37</sup>And he made a hanging for the tabernacle door, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached linen, of needlework; <sup>38</sup>and the five pillars of it, and their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold, but their five sockets were of bronze.

## CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>And Bezaleel made the ark of acacia-wood: two cubits and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. <sup>2</sup>And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a crown of gold around it. <sup>3</sup>And he cast four rings of gold for it, for the corners of it, even two rings on the one side of it and two rings on the other side of it. <sup>4</sup>And he made staves of acacia-wood and overlaid them with gold. <sup>5</sup>And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, in order to bear the ark. <sup>6</sup>And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold. The length of it was two cubits and a half, and the breadth of it one cubit and a half. <sup>7</sup>And he

made two cherubs *of* gold on the two ends of the mercy-seat. He made them beaten out of one piece, <sup>8</sup>one cherub here at one end, and one cherub there at the *other* end. He made the cherubs out of the mercy-seat on the two ends of it. <sup>9</sup>And the cherubim spread out *their* wings on high, covering with their wings over the mercy-seat, their faces each toward the other. The faces of the cherubs were toward the mercy-seat.

<sup>10</sup>And he made the table of acacia-wood. The length of it was two cubits, and the breadth of it was a cubit, and the height of it was a cubit and a half. <sup>11</sup>And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, and made for it a crown of gold all around. <sup>12</sup>Also he made for it a border all around, of a hand's breadth. And he made a crown of gold for the border of it all around. <sup>13</sup>And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that *were* in the four feet of it. <sup>14</sup>The rings were near the border, the housings for the staves to carry the table. <sup>15</sup>And he made the staves of acacia-wood, and overlaid them *with* gold, to carry the table. <sup>16</sup>And he made the vessels which *were* on the table, its dishes and its spoons, and its bowls, and its covers to cover it, of pure gold. <sup>17</sup>And he made the lampstand *of* pure gold. He made the lampstand *of* beaten work; its shaft and its branch, its cups, its knobs, and its blossoms, were of the same. <sup>18</sup>And six branches went out of the sides of it; three branches of the lampstand out of the one side of it, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it. <sup>19</sup>Three almond-like cups *were* on the one branch, a knob and a blossom; and three almond-like cups on the one branch, a knob and a blossom. So throughout the six branches going out of the lampstand.

<sup>20</sup>And on the lampstand *were* four almond-like cups, its knobs and its blossoms. <sup>21</sup>And a knob *was* under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, to the six branches going out of it. <sup>22</sup>Their knobs and their branches were of the same; all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. <sup>23</sup>And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, of pure gold. <sup>24</sup>He made it of a talent *of* pure gold, and all the vessels of it.

<sup>25</sup>And he made the incense altar of acacia-wood. The length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit, — square. And the height of it *was* two cubits. The horns of it were of the same. <sup>26</sup>And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, the top of it and the sides of it all around, and the horns of it. Also he made a crown of gold all around it. <sup>27</sup>And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown of it, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides of it, to be places for the staves to bear it with. <sup>28</sup>And he made the staves of acacia-wood, and overlaid them *with* gold. <sup>29</sup>And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

## CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>And he made the altar of burnt offering *of* acacia-wood. Its length *was* five cubits, and its breadth five cubits, square; and its height three cubits. <sup>2</sup>And he made its horns on its four corners. Its horns were of it. And he overlaid it *with* bronze. <sup>3</sup>And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans. All the vessels of it he made *of* bronze. <sup>4</sup>And he made a bronze grate of network for the altar, under the compass of it, beneath to the middle of it. <sup>5</sup>And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of bronze, places for the staves. <sup>6</sup>And he made the staves of acacia-wood and overlaid them *with* bronze. <sup>7</sup>And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it with. He made the altar hollow *with* boards.

<sup>8</sup>And he made the laver *of* bronze, and its base bronze, out of the mirrors of serving women who assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

<sup>9</sup>And he made the court. On the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined bleached *linen*, a hundred cubits. <sup>10</sup>Their pillars were twenty, and their bronze sockets twenty. The hooks of the pillar and their bands were of silver. <sup>11</sup>And for the north side, a hundred by the cubit, their pillars twenty, and their twenty sockets bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were of silver. <sup>12</sup>And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were of silver. <sup>13</sup>And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. <sup>14</sup>The hangings of the one side were fifteen cubits, and their pillars three, and their sockets three. <sup>15</sup>And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three. <sup>16</sup>All the hangings of the court all around were of fine twined bleached *linen*. <sup>17</sup>And the sockets for the pillars were of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were of silver. And the overlaying of their capitals was of silver. And all the pillars of the court were banded with silver. <sup>18</sup>And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework: blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*. And it was twenty cubits long, and the height and the width five cubits, to match the hangings of the court. <sup>19</sup>And the pillars were four, and their bronze sockets four; their hooks silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their bands silver. <sup>20</sup>And all the pins of the tabernacle and of the court all around, were of bronze.

<sup>21</sup>This is the sum of the tabernacle, of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the command of Moses, for the service of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest. <sup>22</sup>And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>23</sup>And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in scarlet and bleached *linen*. <sup>24</sup>All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. <sup>25</sup>And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and seventeen hundred seventy-five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; <sup>26</sup>a bekah for every man, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for everyone that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred three thousand, five hundred fifty men. <sup>27</sup>And the sockets of the sanctuary were cast of the hundred talents of silver, and the sockets of the veil also, a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. <sup>28</sup>And he made hooks for the pillars out of the seventeen hundred seventy-five *shekels*, and overlaid their capitals and joined them.

<sup>29</sup>And the bronze of the wave offering was seventy talents, and twenty-four hundred shekels, <sup>30</sup>and with it he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the bronze altar, and the bronze grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar, <sup>31</sup>and the sockets of the court all around, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court all around.

## CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made woven garments for ministering in the holy place. And they made the holy garments for Aaron, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>2</sup>And he made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*. <sup>3</sup>And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut threads to work it into the blue, and into the purple, and into the scarlet, and into the bleached



*linen*, with embroidered work. <sup>4</sup>They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple it together. It was coupled together by the two edges. <sup>5</sup>And the embroidered girdle of its ephod, which *was* on it, *was* of it, according to its work; gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>6</sup>And they made stones of onyx set *in* plaited work of gold, engraved *as* signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, stones for a memorial to the sons of Israel, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>8</sup>And he made the breast-pocket a work of an artisan, like the work of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined bleached *linen*. <sup>9</sup>It was square. They made the breast-pocket double. The length of it was a span, and the breadth of it was a span. It was doubled. <sup>10</sup>And they set four rows of stones in it. One row *was* a ruby, a topaz, and a carbuncle, the first row. <sup>11</sup>And the second row: an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. <sup>12</sup>And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. <sup>13</sup>And the fourth row: a chrysolite, an agate, and a jasper; set in plaited work of gold in their settings. <sup>14</sup>And the stones *were* according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with its name according to the twelve tribes. <sup>15</sup>And they made chains upon the breast-pocket, at the ends, *of* woven work of pure gold. <sup>16</sup>And they made two plaitings of gold and two gold rings. And they put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-pocket. <sup>17</sup>And they put the two cords of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-pocket. <sup>18</sup>And the two ends of the two cords were fastened in the two plaitings. And they put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, on its front. <sup>19</sup>And they made two rings of gold. And they put *them* on the two ends of the breast-pocket, on its border, on the side of the ephod inward. <sup>20</sup>And they made two golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the front of it, near *the other* coupling of it, above the embroidered girdle of the ephod. <sup>21</sup>And they bound the breast-pocket by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it might be above the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and so that the breast-pocket might not be loosened from the ephod, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>22</sup>And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. <sup>23</sup>And the opening in the middle of the robe *was* like the opening of a coat of mail, with a band around the opening, so that it might not tear. <sup>24</sup>And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. <sup>25</sup>And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hems of the robe, all around, between the pomegranates: <sup>26</sup>a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to minister in, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>27</sup>And they made the tunics *of* bleached *linen* of woven work for Aaron and for his sons. <sup>28</sup>And they made a miter *of* bleached *linen*, and ornamental bonnets of bleached *linen*, and *linen* breeches of fine twined bleached *linen*, <sup>29</sup>and a girdle of fine twined bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>30</sup>And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it an inscription of the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. <sup>31</sup>And they tied a lace of blue to it, in order to fasten it on high upon the miter, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>32</sup>And all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation was finished. And the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they did.

<sup>33</sup>And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, <sup>34</sup>and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering, <sup>35</sup>the ark of the testimony, and its staves, and the mercy-seat, <sup>36</sup>the table, and all its vessels, and the showbread, <sup>37</sup>the pure lampstand, its lamps, even the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels of it, and the oil for light, <sup>38</sup>and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, <sup>39</sup>the bronze altar, and its grate of bronze, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base, <sup>40</sup>the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle for the tent of the congregation, <sup>41</sup>the woven garments for ministering in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office. <sup>42</sup>According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel made all the work. <sup>43</sup>And Moses looked upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it. As the LORD commanded, even so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>You shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation on the first day of the first month. <sup>3</sup>And you shall put the ark of the testimony in it, and cover the ark with the veil. <sup>4</sup>And you shall bring the table in, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it. And you shall bring the lampstand in and light the lamps of it. <sup>5</sup>And you shall set the altar of gold for the incense in front of the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. <sup>6</sup>And you shall set the altar of the burnt offering in front of the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. <sup>7</sup>And you shall set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shall put water in it. <sup>8</sup>And you shall set up the court all around, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. <sup>9</sup>And you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle, and all in it, and shall hallow it and all the vessels of it. And it shall be holy. <sup>10</sup>And you shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar. And it shall be a most holy altar.

<sup>11</sup>And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it. <sup>12</sup>And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. <sup>13</sup>And you shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and sanctify him, so that he may minister to Me in the priest's office. <sup>14</sup>And you shall bring his sons and clothe them *with* tunics. <sup>15</sup>And you shall anoint them, even as you anointed their father, so that they may minister to Me in the priest's office. For their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood for their generations. <sup>16</sup>And Moses did so. According to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did.

<sup>17</sup>And it will be in the first month in the second year, on the first of the month, the tabernacle was reared up. <sup>18</sup>And Moses reared up the tabernacle and fastened its sockets, and set up its boards, and put in its bars, and reared up its pillars: <sup>19</sup>And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent above upon it, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup>And he took and placed the Testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat on the ark from above. <sup>21</sup>And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the Ark of Testimony, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>22</sup>And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, on the side of the tabernacle northward, outside the veil. <sup>23</sup>And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, even as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>24</sup>And he put the lampstand in the tent of the congregation across from the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. <sup>25</sup>And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>26</sup>And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation in front of the veil. <sup>27</sup>And he burned sweet incense on it, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>28</sup>And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

<sup>29</sup>And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>30</sup>And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash with. <sup>31</sup>And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there. <sup>32</sup>When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near the altar, they washed, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>33</sup>And he reared up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. And Moses finished the work.

<sup>34</sup>And the cloud covered the tabernacle of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter into the tabernacle of the congregation because the cloud stayed on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel journeyed on in all their journeys. <sup>37</sup>But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey until the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, in all their journeys.

# THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD called to Moses and spoke to him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, If any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of the cattle, of the herd and of the flock. <sup>3</sup>If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish. He shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. <sup>4</sup>And he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering. And it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. <sup>5</sup>And he shall kill the bull before the LORD. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>6</sup>And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and lay the wood in order on the fire. <sup>8</sup>And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head and the fat, in order on the wood that is on the altar. <sup>9</sup>But its innards and its legs he shall wash in water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar, a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>And if his offering is of the flocks, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall bring a male without blemish. <sup>11</sup>And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar. <sup>12</sup>And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat. And the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire, which is on the altar. <sup>13</sup>But he shall wash the innards and the legs with water; and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD is out of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves or of young pigeons. <sup>15</sup>And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head and burn it on the altar. And its blood shall be wrung out at the side of the altar. <sup>16</sup>And he shall pluck away its crop with its feathers, and throw it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes. <sup>17</sup>And he shall cut it in two with the wings of it, not dividing it in two. And the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And when anyone will offer a food offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it. <sup>2</sup>And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. And he shall take out of it his handful of flour and of the oil of it, with all the frankincense of it. And the priest shall burn the memorial of it on the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And the rest of the food offering shall be Aaron's and his sons', most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire. <sup>4</sup>And if you bring a sacrifice of a food offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. <sup>5</sup>And if your offering is a food offering on the griddle, your offering shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. <sup>6</sup>You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it. It is a food offering.

<sup>7</sup>And if your offering is a food offering in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. <sup>8</sup>And you shall bring the food offering that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. <sup>9</sup>And the priest shall take from the food offering a memorial of it, and

shall burn *it* on the altar. *It is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And that which is left of the food offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons: *it is* most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire. <sup>11</sup>Any food offering which you shall bring to the LORD shall not be made with leaven. For you shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

<sup>12</sup>As an offering of the first-fruits, you shall bring them to the LORD. But they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet savor. <sup>13</sup>And every sacrifice of your food offering shall you season with salt. And you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your food offering. You shall offer salt with all your offerings. <sup>14</sup>And if you bring a food offering of your first-fruits to the LORD, you shall bring near for the food offering of your first-fruits green ears roasted by fire; kernels of a garden you shall bring near your first-fruits for a food offering. <sup>15</sup>And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it. *It is* a food offering. <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall burn *it* as incense with its memorial offering from its kernels and from its oil, besides all its frankincense, a fire offering to the LORD.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And if his offering *is* a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers from the herd, whether *it is* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle the blood on the altar all around. <sup>3</sup>And he shall bring near from the sacrifice the peace offering, a fire offering to the LORD. The fat that covers the inward parts, all the fat that is on the inward parts, <sup>4</sup>and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the loins, and the fold above the liver, with the kidneys. <sup>5</sup>And Aaron's sons shall burn *it on* the altar, *on* the burnt sacrifice *on* the wood, which *is on* the fire. *It is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD *is* of the flocks, male or female, he shall bring it without blemish. <sup>7</sup>If he is bringing near a sheep for his offering, then he shall bring it near before the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood of it round about on the altar. <sup>9</sup>And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering, a fire offering to the LORD. He shall take away its fat, all its fat next to the backbone, and all the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that *is* on the inward parts, <sup>10</sup>and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* on the loins, and the fold above the liver, beside the kidneys. <sup>11</sup>And the priest shall burn *it* as incense on the altar, bread of the fire offering to the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>And if his offering *is* a goat, then he shall bring it near before the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And *he* shall lay his hand on its head and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood of it on the altar round about. <sup>14</sup>And he shall offer his offering of it, a fire offering to the LORD. And he shall take away the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat on the inward parts, <sup>15</sup>and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, which *is* on the loins, and the fold above the liver, with the kidneys. <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall burn them on the altar, bread of the fire offering for a sweet savor. All the fat *is* the LORD's.

<sup>17</sup>*It shall be* a statute forever for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying: If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do any one of them — <sup>3</sup>for if the priest who is anointed sins, resulting in guilt to the people — then he shall bring for his sin, which he has sinned, a bullock, a son of the herd, a perfect one, to the LORD for a sin offering. <sup>4</sup>And he shall bring the bullock to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD, and *he* shall lay his hand on the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. <sup>5</sup>And the priest who is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and shall bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, at the front of the veil of the holy place. <sup>7</sup>And the priest shall put *some* of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall pour all the blood of the bull at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>8</sup>And he shall lift up from it all the fat of the bull for the sin offering; the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat on the inward parts, <sup>9</sup>and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, beside the loins, and the fold above the liver, with the kidneys. <sup>10</sup>Even as it was lifted from the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings, the priest shall burn them on the altar of the burnt offering. <sup>11</sup>And the skin of the bull, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its inward parts, and its dung, <sup>12</sup>even the whole bull shall he carry forth outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on the wood with fire. It shall be burned where the ashes are poured out.

<sup>13</sup>And if the whole congregation of Israel sins through ignorance, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and if they do that which ought not to be done to any of all the commands of the LORD, and are guilty; <sup>14</sup>when the sin is known which they have sinned against, then the congregation shall bring near a young bull for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>15</sup>And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be killed before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>17</sup>And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle seven times before the LORD, before the veil. <sup>18</sup>And he shall put *some* of the blood on the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>19</sup>And he shall take all its fat from it and burn it on the altar. <sup>20</sup>And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull for a sin offering; so shall he do to it. And the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. <sup>21</sup>And he shall carry forth the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the congregation.

<sup>22</sup>When a ruler has sinned and through ignorance has acted *against* one of the commands of the LORD his God, which not *is* to be done, and is guilty — <sup>23</sup>or if his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish. <sup>24</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where he kills the burnt offering before the LORD. It is a sin offering. <sup>25</sup>And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out its blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering. <sup>26</sup>And he shall

burn all its fat on the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

<sup>27</sup>And if any one of the people of the land sins through ignorance, by doing that which is not to be done *against* one of the commands of the LORD, and is guilty — <sup>28</sup>or if his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, a ewe of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. <sup>29</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. <sup>30</sup>And the priest shall take of the blood of it with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood of it at the bottom of the altar. <sup>31</sup>And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offering. And the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet savor to the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

<sup>32</sup>And if he brings a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. <sup>33</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place where he kills the burnt offering. <sup>34</sup>And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood of it at the bottom of the altar. <sup>35</sup>And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest shall burn them on the altar, on the fire offerings to the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he has sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And if a soul sins and hears the voice of swearing, and is a witness, and he has seen or known, if he does not tell *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity. <sup>2</sup>Or if a soul touches any unclean thing, whether it is a dead body of an unclean beast, or a dead body of unclean cattle, or the dead body of unclean swarming things, and if it is hidden from him that he is unclean and guilty — <sup>3</sup>or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever uncleanness it is that a man shall be defiled with, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he shall be guilty. <sup>4</sup>Or if a soul swears, pronouncing with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he shall be guilty in one of these. <sup>5</sup>And when he shall be guilty in one of these, he shall confess that in which he has sinned. <sup>6</sup>And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin.

<sup>7</sup>And if his hand cannot reach to a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass which he has committed, two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the LORD — one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. <sup>8</sup>And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer for the sin offering first, and shall wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide *it*. <sup>9</sup>And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar. *It is a sin offering.* <sup>10</sup>And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he has sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

<sup>11</sup>But if he is not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then *he* that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, neither shall he put frankincense on it. For it is a sin offering. <sup>12</sup>And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, a memorial of it, and burn it on the altar, according to the

fire offering to the LORD. It is a sin offering. <sup>13</sup>And the priest shall make an atonement for him regarding his sin that he has sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him. And the rest shall be the priest's, as a food offering.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>15</sup>If a soul commits a trespass and sins through ignorance in the holy things of the LORD, then he shall bring for his trespass to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, together with an amount set by you, by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering. <sup>16</sup>And he shall make it good *in* which he has sinned, in the holy thing, and he shall add the fifth part of it, and give it to the priest. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him. <sup>17</sup>And if a soul sins, and he has done that which ought not to be done, *any* one from all the commands of the LORD, and does not know, and he is guilty and bears his iniquity; <sup>18</sup>then he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, together with an amount set by you, for a trespass offering, to the priest. And the priest shall make an atonement for his ignorance in which he erred without knowing it, and it shall be forgiven him. <sup>19</sup>It is a trespass offering. He has certainly trespassed against the LORD.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>If a soul sins, and unfaithfully commits a trespass against the LORD, and lies to his neighbor as to a deposit — or as to security, or by robbery, or has extorted his neighbor — <sup>3</sup>or has found that which was lost and lies concerning it and swears falsely — in any of all these that a man does, sinning in it, <sup>4</sup>then, it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, he shall pay back that which he got by robbery; or if he robbed the thing extorted; or the deposit which had been deposited with him; or the lost thing which he had found; <sup>5</sup>or all that which he swore about falsely, — he shall even repay it in its principal, and the fifth part he shall add to it, to whomever it belongs. He shall give it on the day of his guilt offering. <sup>6</sup>And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, together with an amount set by you, for a trespass offering, to the priest. <sup>7</sup>And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD, and it shall be forgiven him for anything of all that he has done in trespassing in it.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>9</sup>Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. It is the burnt offering for burning on the altar all night to the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. <sup>10</sup>And the priest shall put on his linen garment. And he shall put his linen breeches on his flesh and take up the ashes which the fire has consumed with the burnt offering on the altar. And he shall put them beside the altar. <sup>11</sup>And he shall strip off his garments and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. <sup>12</sup>And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning it. It shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it. And he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. <sup>13</sup>The fire shall always be burning on the altar. It shall never go out.

<sup>14</sup>And this is the law of the food offering. The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD before the altar. <sup>15</sup>And he shall take from it his handful of the flour of the food offering, and of the oil of it, and all the frankincense which is on the food offering, and shall burn it on the altar for a sweet savor, the memorial of it, to the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And the rest of it Aaron and his sons shall eat. It shall be eaten *with* unleavened bread in the holy place. They shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>17</sup>It shall not be baked *with* leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire. It is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as



the trespass offering is.<sup>18</sup> All the males among the sons of Aaron shall eat of it. It shall be a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire. Everyone that touches them shall be holy.

<sup>19</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>20</sup>This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD in the day when he is anointed, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a continual food offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night. <sup>21</sup>It shall be made in a pan with oil. When it is baked, you shall bring it in. And you shall offer the baked pieces of the food offering, a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And the priest of his sons, who is anointed in his stead, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the LORD. It shall be wholly burnt. <sup>23</sup>For every food offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt. It shall not be eaten.

<sup>24</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>25</sup>Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering. In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It is most holy. <sup>26</sup>The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>27</sup>Whatever shall touch the flesh of it shall be holy. And when the blood of it is sprinkled on any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in the holy place. <sup>28</sup>But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water. <sup>29</sup>All the males among the priests shall eat of it. It is most holy. <sup>30</sup>And no sin offering, of which any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation for atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten. It shall be burned up in the fire.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And this is the law of the trespass offering. It is most holy. <sup>2</sup>In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the trespass offering. And he shall sprinkle the blood of it round about on the altar. <sup>3</sup>And he shall offer all its fat; he shall offer the fat tail of it, and the fat that covers the innards, <sup>4</sup>and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the loins, and the fold that is above the liver, beside the kidneys, he shall take it away. <sup>5</sup>And the priest shall burn them on the altar for a fire offering to the LORD. It is a trespass offering. <sup>6</sup>Every male among the priests shall eat of it. It shall be eaten in the holy place. It is most holy. <sup>7</sup>As the sin offering, so is the trespass offering. There is one law for them. The priest that makes atonement with it shall have it. <sup>8</sup>And the priest that offers any man's burnt offering, that priest shall have the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered for himself. <sup>9</sup>And all the food offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan and on the griddle, shall be the priest's that offers it. <sup>10</sup>And every food offering mixed with oil, or dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one like another.

<sup>11</sup>And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the LORD. <sup>12</sup>If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil, of fine flour, fried. <sup>13</sup>Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings. <sup>14</sup>And from it he shall offer one cake out of the whole sacrifice for a heave offering to the LORD. It shall be the priest's that sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. <sup>15</sup>And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until the morning. <sup>16</sup>But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice. And on the

next day also the rest of it shall be eaten. <sup>17</sup>But the rest of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire. <sup>18</sup>And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings is eaten at all the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed to him who offers it. It shall be an abomination, and the soul that eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

<sup>19</sup>And the flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the flesh, all who are clean shall eat of it. <sup>20</sup>But the soul that eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that pertain to the LORD, having his uncleanness on him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. <sup>21</sup>And the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, like the uncleanness of man, or any unclean animal, or an abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which pertain to the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>23</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, You shall not eat any fat of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. <sup>24</sup>And the fat of a dead body, and the fat of a thing torn, may be used in any other use. But you shall in no way eat it. <sup>25</sup>For whoever eats the fat of the beast of which men offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, even the soul that eats it shall be cut off from his people. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not eat any blood, of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. <sup>27</sup>Any soul who eats any blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

<sup>28</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>29</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the LORD, shall bring his sacrifice to the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. <sup>30</sup>His own hands shall bring in the fire offerings of the LORD. He shall bring the fat with the breast, so that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar. But the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. <sup>32</sup>And you shall give the right shoulder to the priest for a heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings. <sup>33</sup>He among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part. <sup>34</sup>For I have taken the wave breast and the heave shoulder from the sons of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons by a statute forever from among the sons of Israel. <sup>35</sup>This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day He presented them to minister to the LORD in the priest's office, <sup>36</sup>which the LORD commanded to be given to them of the sons of Israel, in the day that He anointed them as a statute forever throughout their generations.

<sup>37</sup>This is the law of the burnt offering, of the food offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifices of the peace offerings, <sup>38</sup>which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that He commanded the sons of Israel to offer their sacrifices to the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bull for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread. <sup>3</sup>And gather all the congregation together to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>4</sup>And Moses did as the LORD had commanded him. And the assembly was gathered together to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

<sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done. <sup>6</sup>And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. <sup>7</sup>And he put on him the tunic, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him, and girded him with the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and bound it to him with it. <sup>8</sup>And he put the breast-pocket on him. Also he put in the breast-pocket the Urim and the Thummim. <sup>9</sup>And he put the miter on his head. Also he put the golden plate, the holy crown, on the miter, on his forehead, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>And Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them. <sup>11</sup>And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, both the laver and its base, to sanctify them. <sup>12</sup>And he poured of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to sanctify him. <sup>13</sup>And Moses brought Aaron's sons and put tunics on them, and girded them with girdles, and bound bonnets on them, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>14</sup>And he brought the bull for the sin offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering. <sup>15</sup>And he killed it. And Moses took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation on it. <sup>16</sup>And he took all the fat on the innards, and the fold above the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it on the altar. <sup>17</sup>But the bull and its hide, its flesh and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>18</sup>And he brought the ram for the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>19</sup>And he killed it. And Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar round about. <sup>20</sup>And he cut the ram into pieces. And Moses burned the head and the pieces and the fat. <sup>21</sup>And he washed the innards and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savor, a fire offering to the LORD, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>22</sup>And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>23</sup>And he killed it. And Moses took of the blood of it, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot. <sup>24</sup>And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the great toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar round about. <sup>25</sup>And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat on the innards, and the fold above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder. <sup>26</sup>And he took one unleavened cake out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and on the right shoulder. <sup>27</sup>And he put all on Aaron's hands, and on his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And Moses took them off their hands and burned them on the altar on the burnt offering. They were consecrations for a sweet savor. It is a fire offering to the LORD. <sup>29</sup>And Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' part of the ram of consecration, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>30</sup>And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons' garments with him. And he sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

<sup>31</sup>And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And eat it there with the bread in the basket of

consecrations, as I have commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. <sup>32</sup>And that which remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. <sup>33</sup>You shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation seven days, until the days of your consecration are at an end. For He shall consecrate you seven days. <sup>34</sup>As He has done this day, the LORD has commanded *you* to do, to make an atonement for you. <sup>35</sup>And you shall remain at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you do not die. For so I am commanded. <sup>36</sup>And Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And it happened on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And he said to Aaron, Take a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram without blemish for a burnt offering, and offer before the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, Take a kid of the goats for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb of the first year, all without blemish, for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup>Also take a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD. Also take a food offering mixed with oil. For today the LORD will appear to you. <sup>5</sup>And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation. And all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that you should do. And the glory of the LORD shall appear to you. <sup>7</sup>And Moses said to Aaron, Go to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your burnt offerings, and make an atonement for yourself and for the people. And offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them, even as the LORD commanded. <sup>8</sup>Aaron then went to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him. And he dipped his finger in the blood and put *it* on the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar. <sup>10</sup>But he burned the fat and the kidneys and the fold above the liver of the sin offering on the altar, even as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>11</sup>And he burned the flesh and the hide with fire outside the camp.

<sup>12</sup>And he killed the burnt offering. And Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled round about on the altar. <sup>13</sup>And they presented the burnt offering to him, with the pieces of it, and the head. And he burned *them* on the altar. <sup>14</sup>And he washed the innards and the legs, and burned them on the burnt offering on the altar. <sup>15</sup>And he brought the people's offering. And he took the goat, the sin offering for the people, and killed it and offered it for sin as the first. <sup>16</sup>And he brought the burnt offering and offered it according to the ordinance. <sup>17</sup>And he brought the food offering and took a handful of it, and burned *it* on the altar beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning. <sup>18</sup>He also killed the bull and the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings for the people. And Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the altar round about. <sup>19</sup>And they brought the fat of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covers the inward parts, and the kidneys, and the fold above the liver. <sup>20</sup>And they put the fat on the breasts, and he burned the fat on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave offering before the Lord, as Moses commanded.

<sup>22</sup>And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and peace offerings. <sup>23</sup>And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out and blessed the people. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. <sup>24</sup>And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and burned

up the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He did not command them to do. <sup>2</sup>And there went out fire from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, It is that which the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. <sup>4</sup>And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel, the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, Come near, carry your brothers from before the sanctuary out of the camp. <sup>5</sup>And they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. <sup>6</sup>And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and lest wrath come on all the people. But let your brothers, the whole of Israel, mourn the burning which the LORD has kindled. <sup>7</sup>And you shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest you die. For the anointing oil of the LORD is on you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying, <sup>9</sup>Do not drink wine nor strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest you die, a statute forever throughout your generations. <sup>10</sup>And it is so that you may put a difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean <sup>11</sup>and so that you may teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.

<sup>12</sup>And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar his sons that were left, Take the food offering that remains of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar. For it is most holy. <sup>13</sup>And you shall eat in the holy place, because it is your due, and your sons' due, of the fire offerings of the LORD made by fire. For so I am commanded. <sup>14</sup>And the wave breast and heave shoulder you shall eat in a clean place, you, and your sons and your daughters with you. For they have been given for your portion and the portion of your sons out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the sons of Israel. <sup>15</sup>The heave shoulder and the wave breast they shall bring with the fire offerings of the fat, to wave for a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be yours, and your sons' with you, by a statute forever, even as the LORD has commanded.

<sup>16</sup>And Moses carefully looked for the goat of the sin offering. And behold, it was burned! And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron left alive, saying, <sup>17</sup>Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, since it is most holy, and He has given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? <sup>18</sup>Behold! The blood of it was not brought within the holy place! You should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. <sup>19</sup>And Aaron said to Moses, Behold, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. And such things have happened to me. And if I had eaten the sin offering today, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>And Moses heard, and it was good in his eyes.

#### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, These *are* the animals which you shall eat among all the animals that *are* in the earth. <sup>3</sup>Whatever divides the hoof, and is cloven-footed, chewing the cud, among the animals, that you shall eat. <sup>4</sup>Only, you shall not eat

these of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: the camel, for he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; he is unclean to you.<sup>5</sup> And the coney, because he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; he is unclean to you.<sup>6</sup> And the hare, because he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; he is unclean to you.<sup>7</sup> And the swine, though he divides the hoof and is cloven-footed, yet he does not chew the cud; he is unclean to you.<sup>8</sup> You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall not touch their dead body. They *are* unclean to you.

<sup>9</sup>These you shall eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them you shall eat.<sup>10</sup> And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing that is in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination to you.<sup>11</sup> They shall even be an abomination to you. You shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall have their carcasses in abomination.<sup>12</sup> Whatever has no fins nor scales in the waters *shall be* an abomination to you.

<sup>13</sup>And you shall have these in abomination among the fowls. They shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the black vulture, and the bearded vulture,<sup>14</sup> and the kite, and the falcon, according to its kind; <sup>15</sup>every raven according to its kind; <sup>16</sup>and the ostrich, and the great owl, and the gull, and small hawks, <sup>17</sup>and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the eared owl; <sup>18</sup>and the barn owl, and the pelican, and the owl-vulture; <sup>19</sup>and the stork, the heron according to its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

<sup>20</sup>Every flying swarming creature going on all four, it *is* an abomination to you.<sup>21</sup> Yet you may eat these of any flying swarming thing that goes on all four, *those* which *have* legs above their feet, to leap with on the earth.<sup>22</sup> You may eat these of them: the locust after its kind, and the bald locust after its kind, and the long horned locust after its kind, and the short horned grasshopper after its kind.<sup>23</sup> But every *other* flying swarming thing which has four feet shall be an abomination to you.

<sup>24</sup>And you shall be unclean for these. Whoever touches their dead body shall be unclean until the evening.<sup>25</sup> And whoever carries the carcass of them shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; <sup>26</sup>even every living thing which divides the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor chews the cud, they *are* unclean to you. Everyone that touches them shall be unclean.<sup>27</sup> And whatever goes on its paws, among all the living things that go on all four, those are unclean to you. Whoever touches their dead body shall be unclean until the evening.<sup>28</sup> And he that carries their dead bodies shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. They *are* unclean to you.

<sup>29</sup>These also shall be unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard after its kind; <sup>30</sup>and the gecko, and the monitor, and the lizard, and the sand lizard, and the brown owl.<sup>31</sup> These *are* unclean to you among all that swarm. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening.<sup>32</sup> And whatever shall fall on any of them when they are dead, shall be unclean, whether any vessel of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sack; whatever vessel in which work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean to the evening. So it shall be cleaned.<sup>33</sup> And every earthen vessel in which *any* of them falls, whatever is in it shall be unclean. And you shall break it.<sup>34</sup> Of all food which may be eaten, that on which *such* water comes shall be unclean. And all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.<sup>35</sup> And every thing on which *any part* of their dead body falls shall be unclean; whether it is the oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down. They *are* unclean, and shall be unclean to you.<sup>36</sup> But a fountain or pit, in which there is a collection of water, shall be clean. But that which touches their dead

body shall be unclean. <sup>37</sup>And if *any* of their dead body falls on any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean. <sup>38</sup>But if any water is put on the seed, and *any* part of the dead body falls on it, it shall be unclean to you.

<sup>39</sup>And if any animal among those you may eat dies, he that touches its dead body shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>40</sup>And he that eats of its dead body shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. He also that carries its body shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. <sup>41</sup>And every swarming thing that swarms on the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. <sup>42</sup>Anything going on its belly, and any going on *all* four, and all having many feet, even every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them. For they *are* an abomination. <sup>43</sup>You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that swarms, neither shall you make yourselves unclean with them, so that you should be defiled by them. <sup>44</sup>For *I am* the LORD your God, and you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for *I am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any kind of swarming thing that swarms on the earth. <sup>45</sup>For *I am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for *I am* holy. <sup>46</sup>This *is* the law of the animals, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that swarms on the earth, <sup>47</sup>to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If a woman has conceived seed and has borne a male, then she shall be unclean seven days; as on the days of her menstrual impurity she shall be unclean. <sup>3</sup>And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. <sup>4</sup>And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days. She shall touch no holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are fulfilled. <sup>5</sup>But if she bears a female, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her menstruation. And she shall continue in the blood of her purifying sixty-six days. <sup>6</sup>And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtle-dove, for a sin offering to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest. <sup>7</sup>And He shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her. And she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that has borne a male or a female. <sup>8</sup>And if her hand cannot reach to a lamb, then she shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons. The one shall be for a burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup>When a man has a rising in the skin of his flesh, a scab or bright spot, and it is in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests. <sup>3</sup>And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh. And when the hair in the plague has turned white, and the plague in sight is deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy. And the priest shall look on him and shall pronounce him unclean. <sup>4</sup>And if the bright spot is white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight is not deeper than the skin, and the hair of it has not turned white, then the priest shall shut him up that has the plague seven days. <sup>5</sup>And the priest shall look on him the seventh day. And behold, if the plague in his sight is stayed; the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall look on him again in the seventh

day. And, behold, if the plague *is* somewhat dark; the plague has not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean. It is a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean. <sup>7</sup>But if the scab spreads much abroad in the skin after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again. <sup>8</sup>And if the priest sees that the scab spreads in the skin, behold, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprosy.

<sup>9</sup>When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest. <sup>10</sup>And the priest shall look. And, behold, if the rising *is* white in the skin, and it has turned the hair white and there *is* live raw flesh in the rising, <sup>11</sup>it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh. And the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up, for he *is* unclean. <sup>12</sup>And if a leprosy breaks out greatly on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *the one who has* the plague from his head even to his foot, wherever the priest looks, <sup>13</sup>then the priest shall look. And behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that has the plague. It has all turned white. He is clean. <sup>14</sup>But when raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. <sup>15</sup>And the priest shall look on the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean. The raw flesh is unclean; it is a leprosy. <sup>16</sup>Or if the raw flesh turns again and is changed to white, he shall come to the priest. <sup>17</sup>And the priest shall look on him. And, behold, the plague has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean that has the plague. He is clean.

<sup>18</sup>And when anyone has a boil in his skin, and it has healed, <sup>19</sup>and in the place of the boil there is a white rising or a bright spot, white and somewhat reddish, and it is shown to the priest; <sup>20</sup>and if the priest sees it, and behold, it *is* in sight lower than the skin, and the hair of it has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil. <sup>21</sup>But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there *are* no white hairs in it, and it *is* not lower than the skin, but *is* somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. <sup>22</sup>And if it spreads greatly in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a plague. <sup>23</sup>But if the bright spot stays in its place, not spreading, it is a burning boil. And the priest shall pronounce him clean. <sup>24</sup>Or if there is flesh in which the skin has a hot burning, and the raw *flesh* of the burning *becomes* a white bright spot, somewhat reddish or white, <sup>25</sup>then the priest shall look on it. And behold, the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and it is in sight deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out of the burning. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. <sup>26</sup>But if the priest looks on it, and behold, there *is* no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no lower than the *other* skin, but *is* somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. <sup>27</sup>And the priest shall look on him the seventh day. If it spreads farther in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. <sup>28</sup>And if the bright spot stays in its place, and does not spread in the skin, but *is* somewhat dark, it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

<sup>29</sup>If a man or woman has a plague on the head or the beard, <sup>30</sup>then the priest shall see the plague. And behold, if it *is* in sight deeper than the skin, and a yellow thin hair *is* in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a dry scab, a leprosy on the head or beard. <sup>31</sup>And if the priest looks on the plague of the scab, and behold, it *is* not in sight deeper than the skin, and no black hair *is* in it, then the priest shall shut him up that has the plague of the scab seven days. <sup>32</sup>And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague. And behold, if the scab does not spread, and no yellow hair *is* in it, and the scab *is* not in sight deeper than the skin, <sup>33</sup>he shall be shaven, but shall not shave the scab. And the priest shall shut up *the one who has* the scab seven days more. <sup>34</sup>And in the seventh day the priest



shall look on the scab. And behold, if the scab has not spread in the skin, nor is in sight deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.<sup>35</sup> But if the scab spreads very much in the skin after his cleansing,<sup>36</sup> then the priest shall look on him, and behold, if the scab is spread in the skin, the priest shall not look for yellow hair. He is unclean.<sup>37</sup> But if in his eyes the scab is stabilized, and black hair is growing up in it, the scab is healed. He is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.<sup>38</sup> Also if a man or a woman has bright spots in the skin of their flesh, white bright spots,<sup>39</sup> then the priest shall look. And behold, if bright spots are in the skin of their flesh, it is a pale spot that grows in the skin. He is clean.

<sup>40</sup>And when a man's head grows bald; he is bald. He is clean.<sup>41</sup> And if his head grows bald from the edge of his face, he is forehead bald. He is clean.<sup>42</sup> And if there is in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore, it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head or his bald forehead.<sup>43</sup> And the priest shall look on it. And behold, if the rising of the sore is reddish white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appears in the skin of the flesh,<sup>44</sup> he is a man with leprosy. He is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean. His plague is in his head.

<sup>45</sup>And as for the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be torn, and his head shall be bare, and he shall put a covering on his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean! Unclean!<sup>46</sup> All the days in which the plague is in him he shall be defiled. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.<sup>47</sup> And if there is any garment that has the plague of leprosy in it, in a wool garment or a linen garment,<sup>48</sup> or in the warp or in the woof, of linen or of wool — or in a skin or in anything of skin,<sup>49</sup> and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the skin, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is a plague of leprosy. And it shall be shown to the priest.<sup>50</sup> And the priest shall look on the plague, and shut up that which has the plague seven days.<sup>51</sup> And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day. If the plague is spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any skin or in any work that is made of skin, the plague is a fretting leprosy. It is unclean.<sup>52</sup> And he shall burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of skin in which the plague is. For it is a fretting leprosy. It shall be burned in the fire.<sup>53</sup> And if the priest shall look, and behold, the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or the woof, or anything of skin,<sup>54</sup> then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which the plague is. And he shall shut it up seven days more.<sup>55</sup> And the priest shall look on the plague after it is washed, and behold, if the plague has not changed its color and the plague has not spread; it is unclean. You shall burn it in the fire. It is a sunken spot, whether it is eaten away in the inside of it, or in the outside of it.<sup>56</sup> And if the priest looks, and behold, the plague is somewhat dark after the washing of it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.<sup>57</sup> And if it appears still in the garment, or in the warp or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is a spreading plague. You shall burn that in which the plague is with fire.<sup>58</sup> And the garment which you shall wash - either warp or woof, or whatever thing of skin it is - if the plague has departed from them, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

<sup>59</sup>This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woolen or linen, either in the warp or woof or anything of skins, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest. <sup>3</sup>And the priest shall go forth out of the camp. And the priest shall look, and behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, <sup>4</sup>then the priest shall command to take two clean live birds for him that is to be cleansed, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. <sup>5</sup>And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. <sup>6</sup>He shall take the living bird, and the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed, over the running water. <sup>7</sup>And he shall sprinkle on him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. <sup>8</sup>And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water so that he may be clean. And after that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days. <sup>9</sup>But on the seventh day he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eye-brows; even all his hair shall he shave off. And he shall wash his clothes. He also shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

<sup>10</sup>And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three-tenth parts of fine flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil. <sup>11</sup>And the priest that makes him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>12</sup>And the priest shall take one male lamb and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And he shall kill the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place. For as the sin offering *is* the priest's, *so is* the trespass offering. *It is* most holy. <sup>14</sup>And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot. <sup>15</sup>And the priest shall take from the log of oil and pour into the palm of his own left hand. <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil in his left hand and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD. <sup>17</sup>And of the rest of the oil in his hand, the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the blood of the trespass offering. <sup>18</sup>And the rest of the oil in the priest's hand he shall pour on the head of him that is to be cleansed. And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And the priest shall offer the sin offering and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterward he shall kill the burnt offering. <sup>20</sup>And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the food offering on the altar. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

<sup>21</sup>And if he *is* poor and cannot get so much, then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one-tenth part of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering, and a log of oil, <sup>22</sup>and two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get. And the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering. <sup>23</sup>And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. <sup>25</sup>And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering. And the priest shall take from the blood of the trespass offering, and put it on

the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot. <sup>26</sup>And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand. <sup>27</sup>And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And the priest shall put of the oil in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering. <sup>29</sup>And the rest of the oil in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD. <sup>30</sup>And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to get, <sup>31</sup>*even* such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, with the food offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD. <sup>32</sup>*This is* the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertains to his cleansing.

<sup>33</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>34</sup>When you come into the land of Canaan which I give you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession, <sup>35</sup>and *if* he that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, A plague is seen by me in the house; <sup>36</sup>then the priest shall command that they empty the house before the priest goes to see the plague, so that all that *is* in the house may not become unclean. And afterwards the priest shall go in to see the house. <sup>37</sup>And he shall look on the plague. And behold, if the plague *is* in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which in sight are lower than the wall, <sup>38</sup>then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. <sup>39</sup>And the priest shall come again the seventh day and shall look. And behold, if the plague has spread in the walls of the house, <sup>40</sup>then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall throw them into an unclean place outside the city. <sup>41</sup>And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside all around, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off outside the city in an unclean place. <sup>42</sup>And they shall take other stones and put them in the place of those stones. And he shall take other mortar and shall plaster the house.

<sup>43</sup>And if the plague comes again and breaks out in the house after he has taken away the stones and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered, <sup>44</sup>then the priest shall come and look. And behold, if the plague has spread in the house, *it is* a fretting leprosy in the house. *It is* unclean. <sup>45</sup>And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber of it, and all the mortar of the house, and he shall carry *them* out of the city into an unclean place. <sup>46</sup>And he that goes into the house all the days that it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>47</sup>And he that lies in the house shall wash his clothes. And he that eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

<sup>48</sup>And if the priest shall come in and look on it, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the plague is healed. <sup>49</sup>And he shall take two birds to cleanse the house, and cedar-wood, and scarlet *dye*, and hyssop. <sup>50</sup>And he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. <sup>51</sup>And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet *dye*, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. <sup>52</sup>And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet. <sup>53</sup>But he shall let the living bird go out

of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house. And it shall be clean.

<sup>54</sup>This is the law for all kinds of plague of leprosy and scab, <sup>55</sup>and for the leprosy of a garment and of a house, <sup>56</sup>and for a rising and for a scab and for a bright spot, <sup>57</sup>to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When any man has a discharge from his flesh; he is unclean because of his issue. <sup>3</sup>And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue. His flesh has run with his issue, or his flesh is stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. <sup>4</sup>Every bed on which he who discharges lies is unclean. And everything on which he sits shall be unclean. <sup>5</sup>And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>6</sup>And he that sits on anything on which he sat that has the issue, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>7</sup>And he that touches the flesh of him that has the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>8</sup>And if he that has the issue spits on him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>9</sup>And whatever saddle he that has the issue rides on shall be unclean. <sup>10</sup>And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And he that carries any of those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>11</sup>And whomever he touches that has the issue, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>12</sup>And the earthen vessel that he touches who has the issue shall be broken. And every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

<sup>13</sup>And when he that has an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number seven days to himself for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. <sup>14</sup>And on the eighth day he shall take two turtle-doves to himself, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them to the priest. <sup>15</sup>And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.

<sup>16</sup>And if any man's semen passes from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water and be unclean until the evening. <sup>17</sup>And every garment and every skin on which the semen shall be, it shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>18</sup>And the woman with whom a man shall lie with outflow of semen shall both bathe in water and be unclean until the evening. <sup>19</sup>And if a woman has an issue, and her issue in her flesh is blood, she shall be in her separation seven days. And whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>20</sup>And everything that she lies on in her separation shall be unclean. Everything also that she sits on shall be unclean. <sup>21</sup>And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>22</sup>And whoever touches anything that she sat on, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>23</sup>And if it is on the bed or on anything on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>24</sup>And if any man lies with her at all, and her blood is on him, he shall be unclean seven days. And all the bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

<sup>25</sup>And if a woman has an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her impurity, or if it runs beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her impurity. She is unclean. <sup>26</sup>Every bed on which she lies all the days of her issue shall be to her as the bed of her impurity.

And whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. <sup>27</sup>And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. <sup>28</sup>But if she is cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. <sup>29</sup>And on the eighth day she shall take two turtle-doves to her, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>30</sup>And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

<sup>31</sup>So you shall separate the sons of Israel from their uncleanness, so that they do not die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that *is* among them. <sup>32</sup>This is the law of him that has an issue, and of him whose semen goes from him and is defiled with it, <sup>33</sup>and of her that is menstruating, and of him that has an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lies with her that is unclean.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD and died; <sup>2</sup>and the LORD said to Moses, Speak to Aaron your brother, that he does not come at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy-seat, which is on the Ark, so that he will not die. For I will appear in the cloud on the mercy-seat. <sup>3</sup>Aaron shall come into the holy place this way: with a young bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup>He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches on his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen miter he shall be dressed. These *are* holy garments. And he shall wash his flesh in water and put them on. <sup>5</sup>And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. <sup>6</sup>And Aaron shall offer his bull of the sin offering which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself and for his house. <sup>7</sup>And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>8</sup>And Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats; one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. <sup>9</sup>And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it *for* a sin offering. <sup>10</sup>But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. <sup>11</sup>And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering which *is* for himself, and shall atone for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which *is* for himself. <sup>12</sup>And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands full of fragrant perfumes beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil. <sup>13</sup>And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD. And the cloud of the incense shall cover the mercy-seat that *is* on the Testimony. And he shall not die. <sup>14</sup>And he shall take of the blood of the bull and shall sprinkle with his finger on the front of the mercy-seat eastward. And he shall sprinkle at the front of the mercy-seat seven times.

<sup>15</sup>Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that *is* for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil. And he shall do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy-seat and before the mercy-seat. <sup>16</sup>And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins. And so he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness. <sup>17</sup>And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the

congregation when he goes in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he comes out and has made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make an atonement for it. And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* on the horns of the altar round about. <sup>19</sup>And he shall sprinkle of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the sons of Israel.

<sup>20</sup>And when he has made an end of reconciling the holy place and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. <sup>21</sup>And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the sins of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send away by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness. <sup>22</sup>And the goat shall bear on him all their sins to a land in which no one lives. And he shall let the goat go in the wilderness.

<sup>23</sup>And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall strip off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there. <sup>24</sup>And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself and for the people. <sup>25</sup>And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn on the altar. <sup>26</sup>And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. <sup>27</sup>And the bull for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall they carry forth outside the camp. And they shall burn their skins in the fire, and their flesh and their dung. <sup>28</sup>And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

<sup>29</sup>And it shall be a statute forever to you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls and do no work at all, the homeborn and the alien who is staying among you. <sup>30</sup>For on that day an atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you, so that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. <sup>31</sup>*It shall be* a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. <sup>32</sup>And the priest whom He shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement and shall put on the linen clothes, the holy garments. <sup>33</sup>And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests and for all the people of the congregation. <sup>34</sup>And this shall be an everlasting statute to you, to make an atonement for the sons of Israel for their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying, <sup>3</sup>Any man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or kills *it* out of the camp, <sup>4</sup>and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer as offering to the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, blood shall be charged to that man; he has shed blood. And that man shall be cut off from among his people, <sup>5</sup>so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them to the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest, and offer them *for* peace offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the

congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And they shall no more offer their sacrifices to devils, after whom they have gone whoring. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations. <sup>8</sup>And you shall say to them, Any man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who are staying among you, offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, <sup>9</sup>and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it to the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>10</sup>And any man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that are staying among you, eats any kind of blood, I will even set My face against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>11</sup>For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood. And I have given it to you on the altar to make an atonement for your souls. For it *is* the blood that makes an atonement for the soul. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that is staying among you eat blood. <sup>13</sup>And any man of the sons of Israel, or of the strangers that are staying among you, hunts, who catches any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall even pour out its blood and cover it with dust. <sup>14</sup>For it *is* the life of all flesh. Its blood *is* for the life of it. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, You shall eat the blood of no kind of flesh. For the life of all flesh *is* its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.

<sup>15</sup>And any soul that eats a dead body, or a torn thing, whether it is one of your own country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. Then he shall be clean. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not wash, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

#### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not do like the doings of the land of Egypt *in* which you lived. And you shall not do like the doings of the land of Canaan, where I bring you. Neither shall you walk in their ordinances. <sup>4</sup>You shall do My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them. I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>And you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live in them. I *am* the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>None of you shall approach to any who are near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness. I *am* the LORD. <sup>7</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother. She *is* your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>8</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife. It *is* your father's nakedness. <sup>9</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, born at home or born away. Their nakedness you shall not uncover. <sup>10</sup>The nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, you shall not uncover their nakedness. For theirs *is* your own nakedness. <sup>11</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, begotten of your father. She *is* your sister. You shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>12</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister. She *is* your father's near kinswoman. <sup>13</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister. For she *is* your mother's near kinswoman. <sup>14</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not approach his wife. She *is* your aunt. <sup>15</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law. She *is* your son's wife. You shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>16</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife. It *is* your brother's nakedness. <sup>17</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shall you take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness. For they *are* her near kinswomen; it *is* wickedness. <sup>18</sup>And you shall

not take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.

<sup>19</sup>Also you shall not approach to a woman to uncover her nakedness in the impurity of her uncleanness. <sup>20</sup>And you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her. <sup>21</sup>And you shall not let any of your seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of your God. *I am* the LORD. <sup>22</sup>You shall not lie with mankind as with womankind. *It is* abomination to God. <sup>23</sup>And you shall not lie with any animal to defile yourself with it. And a woman shall not stand before an animal to lie down to it. *It is a shameful* mixing.

<sup>24</sup>Do not defile yourselves in any of these things. For in all these the nations are defiled, which I cast out before you. <sup>25</sup>And the land is defiled. Therefore I visit its wickedness on it, and the land itself vomits out those who live in it. <sup>26</sup>You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *neither* shall any of your nation, nor any stranger that lives among you. <sup>27</sup>For the men of the land who *were* before you have done all these abominations, and the land is defiled. <sup>28</sup>You shall not do these so that the land may not spue you out also when you defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you. <sup>29</sup>For whoever shall commit *any* of these abominations, even the souls who commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people. <sup>30</sup>And you shall keep My ordinance, that you do not commit *any* of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves in them. *I am* the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy. <sup>3</sup>You shall each man fear his mother and his father, and keep My sabbaths. *I am* the LORD your God. <sup>4</sup>Do not turn to idols, nor make molten gods to yourselves. *I am* the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>And if you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it at your own will. <sup>6</sup>It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire. <sup>7</sup>And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable. It shall not be accepted. <sup>8</sup>And anyone that eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

<sup>9</sup>And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field. And you shall not gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not glean your vineyard. And you shall not gather every grape of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. *I am* the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal, nor lie, nor be deceitful to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear by My name falsely; nor shall you profane the name of your God. *I am* the LORD. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor nor rob *him*. The wages of him who is hired shall not stay with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shall fear your God. *I am* the LORD. <sup>15</sup>You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment. You shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; *but* you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people. And you shall not stand against the blood of your neighbor. *I am* the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall always rebuke your neighbor, and not allow sin on him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not



avenge, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I *am* the LORD.

<sup>19</sup>You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. And you shall not allow clothing mingled of linen and wool to come on you.

<sup>20</sup>And whoever lies carnally with a woman who is a bondwoman, betrothed to a husband and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her, there shall be an inquest. They shall not be put to death, because she was not free. <sup>21</sup>And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, even a ram for a trespass offering. <sup>22</sup>And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he has done. And the sin which he has done shall be forgiven him. <sup>23</sup>And when you shall come into the land, and shall have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count the fruit of them as uncircumcised. It shall be uncircumcised three years to you. It shall not be eaten. <sup>24</sup>But in the fourth year all the fruit of them shall be holy to praise the LORD. <sup>25</sup>And in the fifth year you shall eat of the fruit of it, so that it may yield to you its increase. I *am* the LORD your God.

<sup>26</sup>You shall not eat anything with the blood. You shall not divine, nor conjure spirits. <sup>27</sup>You shall not round the side of your head, nor mar the edge of your beard. <sup>28</sup>You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks on you. I *am* the LORD. <sup>29</sup>You shall not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a whore, lest the land fall to whoredom and the land become full of wickedness. <sup>30</sup>You shall keep My sabbaths and respect My sanctuary. I *am* the LORD.

<sup>31</sup>You shall not regard those that have familiar spirits, nor seek to wizards to be defiled by them. I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>32</sup>You shall rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man, and fear your God. I *am* the LORD. <sup>33</sup>And if a stranger lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress him. <sup>34</sup>But the stranger that dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>35</sup>You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures and weights, or in quantity. <sup>36</sup>You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. <sup>37</sup>And you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and do them. I *am* the LORD.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Again you shall say to the sons of Israel, Any man of the sons of Israel or of the strangers who live in Israel, that gives any of his seed to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. <sup>3</sup>And I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given of his seed to Molech, to defile My sanctuary, and to profane My holy name. <sup>4</sup>And if the people of the land in any way hide their eyes from the man when he gives of his seed to Molech, and do not kill him, <sup>5</sup>then I will set My face against that man and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go lusting after him to commit adultery with Molech, from among their people.

<sup>6</sup>And the soul that turns to those who have familiar spirits, and to wizards, to go lusting after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>7</sup>And you shall sanctify yourselves, and be holy. For I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup>And you shall keep My statutes and do them. I the

LORD sanctify you.<sup>9</sup> And any man who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be on him.

<sup>10</sup>And a man who commits adultery with a man's wife, who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. <sup>11</sup>And the man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness. Both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* on them. <sup>12</sup>And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have made a *shameful* mixture; their blood *shall be* on them. <sup>13</sup>If a man also lies with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* on them. <sup>14</sup>And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, so that there may be no wickedness among you. <sup>15</sup>And if a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death. And you shall kill the animal. <sup>16</sup>And if a woman goes up to any animal and lies down with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* on them. <sup>17</sup>And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. <sup>18</sup>And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness, he has discovered her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. And both of them shall be cut off from among their people. <sup>19</sup>And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister. For he uncovers his near kin. They shall bear their iniquity. <sup>20</sup>And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin. They shall die childless. <sup>21</sup>And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

<sup>22</sup>You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and do them, so that the land where I bring you to live shall not spit you out. <sup>23</sup>And you shall not walk in the ways of the nation which I cast out before you. For they committed all these things, and therefore I hated them. <sup>24</sup>But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land that flows with milk and honey. I *am* the LORD your God, who has separated you from the nations. <sup>25</sup>And you shall make a difference between clean animals and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean. And you shall not make your souls hateful by beast, or by fowl, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. <sup>26</sup>And you shall be holy to Me. For I, the LORD, *am* holy, and have severed you from the nations, so that you should be Mine. <sup>27</sup>A man also or woman that has a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death. They shall stone them with stones. Their blood *is* on them.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people. <sup>2</sup>But for his kin that is near him, for his mother and for his father and for his son and for his daughter and for his brother <sup>3</sup>and for his sister, a virgin, who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may be defiled. <sup>4</sup>He shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to defile himself. <sup>5</sup>They shall not make baldness on their head, nor shall they shave the edge of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. <sup>6</sup>They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God. For they offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the

bread of their God. Therefore they shall be holy. <sup>7</sup>They shall not take a wife *who is a whore, or defiled*. Neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband. For he *is* holy to his God. <sup>8</sup>And you shall sanctify him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you. For I *am* holy, the LORD who sanctifies you. <sup>9</sup>And the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the whore, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire. <sup>10</sup>And the high priest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes. <sup>11</sup>Neither shall he come near to any dead person, nor defile himself for his father nor for his mother. <sup>12</sup>Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is on him. I *am* the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And he shall take a wife in her virginity. <sup>14</sup>He shall not take a widow or a divorced woman, or profane, or a harlot, but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. <sup>15</sup>And he shall not defile his seed among his people. For I the LORD do sanctify him.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>17</sup>Speak to Aaron, No man of your seed in their generations shall draw near to offer the bread of his God if there is any blemish in him. <sup>18</sup>For no man in whom *there is* a blemish shall draw near, a blind man, or a lame man, or disfigured, or deformed, <sup>19</sup>or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed, <sup>20</sup>or crooked-backed, or a crushed one, or who has a blemish in his eye, or a scurvy or scabbed person, or one with crushed testicles. <sup>21</sup>No man of the seed of Aaron, the priest, in whom there is a blemish shall come near to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire. He has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. <sup>22</sup>He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy. <sup>23</sup>Only he shall not go in to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a blemish; so that he does not profane My sanctuaries. For I the LORD do sanctify them. <sup>24</sup>And Moses told Aaron and his sons, and all the sons of Israel.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to Aaron and to his sons, that they set themselves apart from the holy things of the sons of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name *in* what they devote to Me. I *am* the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Say to them, Any man of all your seed among your generations who draws near to the holy things, which the sons of Israel set apart to the Lord — if he has his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from My presence. I *am* the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Any man of the seed of Aaron who *is* a leper, or has a running issue, he shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean. And he who touches any uncleanness of a person, or a man whose semen has gone out from him, <sup>5</sup>or a man who touches any swarming thing by which he may be made unclean, or touches a man who is unclean to him, by any uncleanness he has, <sup>6</sup>the soul which has touched it shall be unclean until evening. And he shall not eat of the holy things unless he washes his flesh with water. <sup>7</sup>And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it *is* his food. <sup>8</sup>He shall not eat that which dies of itself, or is torn, to defile himself with them. I *am* the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And they shall keep My ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, that they may not die for it when they defile it. I the LORD sanctify them.

<sup>10</sup>There shall no stranger eat *of* the holy things. A stranger staying with the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat *of* the holy thing. <sup>11</sup>But if the priest buys a soul with his money, he shall eat of it. And he that is born in his house shall eat of his food. <sup>12</sup>And a priest's daughter, when she belongs to a man, a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things. <sup>13</sup>But if the priest's daughter is a

widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as *in* her youth, she shall eat of her father's food. But no stranger shall eat of it. <sup>14</sup>And if a man eats a holy thing without knowing it, then he shall put the fifth part to it, and shall give to the priest with the holy thing. <sup>15</sup>And they shall not profane the holy things of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD, <sup>16</sup>and so load on them the iniquity of the guilt offering in their eating of their holy things. For *I am* the LORD who sanctifies them.

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup>Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them: Any man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who offers his sacrifices for his vows, for all his free-will offerings, which they will offer to the LORD for a burnt offering, <sup>19</sup>*you shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the cattle, of the sheep, or of the goats. <sup>20</sup>You shall not offer that which has a blemish. For it shall not be acceptable for you. <sup>21</sup>And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to carry out his vow, or a free-will offering in cattle or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted. There shall be no blemish in them. <sup>22</sup>Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a flow, or having scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not offer these to the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD. <sup>23</sup>As to a bull or a sheep that is deformed or dwarfed, you may offer that for a free-will offering. But for a vow it shall not be accepted. <sup>24</sup>You shall not offer to the LORD that which is bruised or crushed, or broken or cut. You shall not make any offering of it in your land. <sup>25</sup>And you shall not offer the bread of your God out of the hand of a son of a stranger, or any of these, because their uncleanness *is* in them, and blemishes are in them. They shall not be accepted for you.

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>27</sup>When a bull or a lamb or a goat is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam. And from the eighth day and from then on, it shall be accepted for a fire offering to the LORD. <sup>28</sup>But a bull or sheep, it and its young one, you shall not kill it in one day. <sup>29</sup>And when you will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it at your own will. <sup>30</sup>On the same day it shall be eaten up. You shall leave none of it until the next day. *I am* the LORD.

<sup>31</sup>And you shall keep My commandments, and do them. *I am* the LORD. <sup>32</sup>And you shall not profane My holy name. But I will be holy among the sons of Israel. *I am* the LORD who makes you holy, <sup>33</sup>who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. *I am* the LORD.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, even these *are* My feasts. <sup>3</sup>Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work. *It is* a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

<sup>4</sup>These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim in their seasons. <sup>5</sup>In the fourteenth day of the first month, between the evenings, *is* the LORD's Passover, <sup>6</sup>and on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD. You must eat unleavened bread seven days. <sup>7</sup>On the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor in these days, <sup>8</sup>but you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD seven days. In the seventh day *is* a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap the harvest of it, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest to

the priest. <sup>11</sup>And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD to be received for you. On the next day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. <sup>12</sup>And you shall offer that day when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And its food offering *shall be* two-tenth parts of fine flour mixed with oil, a fire offering to the LORD *for* a sweet savor. And the drink offering of it *shall be* of wine, the fourth part of a hin. <sup>14</sup>And you shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor green ears, until the same day, until you have brought an offering to your God. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

<sup>15</sup>And you shall count to you from the next day after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. <sup>16</sup>To the next day after the seventh sabbath you shall number fifty days. And you shall offer a new food offering to the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall bring out of your homes two wave loaves of two-tenth parts. They shall be of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven. They are the first-fruits to the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bull, and two rams. They shall be *for* a burnt offering to the LORD, with their food offering, and their drink offerings, a fire offering of sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>19</sup>Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. <sup>20</sup>And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits, a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. <sup>21</sup>And you shall proclaim on the same day that *it may be* a holy convocation to you. You shall do no work of labor. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

<sup>22</sup>And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely clean the land, neither shall you gather any gleanings of your harvest. You shall leave them to the poor and to the stranger. *I am* the LORD your God.

<sup>23</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel saying: In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. <sup>25</sup>You shall do no work of labor but you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>27</sup>Also, on the tenth of this seventh month, *this is* a day of atonement. *It shall be* a holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer a fire offering to the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And you shall do no work in that same day, for *it is* a day of atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. <sup>29</sup>For any soul who is not humbled in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>30</sup>And any soul who does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. <sup>31</sup>You shall do no kind of work. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. <sup>32</sup>*It shall be* to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall humble your souls. In the ninth of the month, from evening to evening, you shall keep your sabbath.

<sup>33</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>34</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. <sup>35</sup>On the first day *shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor. <sup>36</sup>Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day *shall be* a holy convocation to you. And you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD. *It is* a solemn assembly. And you shall do no work of labor.

<sup>37</sup>*These are* the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer a fire offering to the LORD, a burnt offering and a food offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything on its day; <sup>38</sup>*besides* the

sabbath of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your free-will offerings which you give to the LORD.

<sup>39</sup>Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days. On the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath. <sup>40</sup>And you shall take the fruit of majestic trees for yourselves on the first day, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. <sup>41</sup>And you shall keep it a feast to the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall keep it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup>You shall live in booths seven days. All that are born Israelites shall live in booths, <sup>43</sup>so that your generations may know that I made the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>44</sup>And Moses declared the feasts of the LORD to the sons of Israel.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you pure olive oil, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. <sup>3</sup>Aaron shall order it from evening until the morning before the LORD forever outside the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. <sup>4</sup>He shall order the lamps on the pure lampstand before the LORD forever. <sup>5</sup>And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes of it. Two-tenth parts shall be in one cake. <sup>6</sup>And you shall set them *in* two rows, six *on* a row, on the pure table before the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, so that it may be on the bread for a memorial, a fire offering to the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD forever, from the sons of Israel by an everlasting covenant. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'. And they shall eat it in the holy place, for it is most holy to him of the fire offerings of the LORD, by a never-ending statute.

<sup>10</sup>And the son of a woman of Israel, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel. And this son of the woman of Israel and a man of Israel struggled together in the camp. <sup>11</sup>And the son of the woman of Israel blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him to Moses. (And his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) <sup>12</sup>And they put him under guard, so that the mind of the LORD might be declared to them. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>14</sup>Bring forth him who has cursed outside the camp. And let all that heard lay their hands on his head. Let all the congregation stone him. <sup>15</sup>And you shall speak to the sons of Israel saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. <sup>16</sup>And he that blasphemes the Name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall surely stone him. And the stranger as well, even as he that is born in the land; when he blasphemes the Name, he shall be put to death.

<sup>17</sup>And he who kills any man shall surely be put to death. <sup>18</sup>And he who kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal. <sup>19</sup>And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him: <sup>20</sup>break for break, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him. <sup>21</sup>And he who kills an animal shall restore it. And he who kills a man shall be put to death. <sup>22</sup>You shall have one kind of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country. For I *am* the LORD your God.

<sup>23</sup>And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel that they should bring him forth who had cursed outside the camp, and stone him *with* stones. And the sons of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the LORD. <sup>3</sup>You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and gather in the fruit of it. <sup>4</sup>But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the LORD. You shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. <sup>5</sup>You shall not reap that which grows of its own accord of your harvest, neither gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It is a year of rest to the land. <sup>6</sup>And the sabbath of the land shall be food for you, for you and for your servant, and for your slavegirl and for your hired servant, and for your stranger who stays with you, <sup>7</sup>and for your cattle, and for the beasts that *are* in your land, shall all the increase of it be for food.

<sup>8</sup>And you shall number seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years. And the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be forty-nine years to you. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall you make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. <sup>10</sup>And you shall make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all those who live in it. It shall be a jubilee to you, and you shall return each man to his possession, and you shall return each man to his family. <sup>11</sup>That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you. You shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather in it of your undressed vine. <sup>12</sup>For it is the jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You shall eat the increase of it out of the field. <sup>13</sup>In the year of this jubilee you shall return each man to his possession. <sup>14</sup>And if you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. <sup>15</sup>According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy of your neighbor, according to the number of the fruits he shall sell to you. <sup>16</sup>According to the number of years you shall increase the price of it, and according to the fewness of years you shall diminish the price of it, for he is selling to you the number of crops. <sup>17</sup>And you shall not oppress one another. But you shall fear your God. For *I am* the LORD your God.

<sup>18</sup>And you shall do My statutes, and keep My judgments and do them. And you shall dwell in the land in safety. <sup>19</sup>And the land shall yield its fruits, and you shall eat your fill and dwell in it in safety. <sup>20</sup>And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow nor gather in our increase! <sup>21</sup>Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. <sup>22</sup>And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in, you shall eat of the old fruit. <sup>23</sup>The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is Mine. For you *are* strangers and pilgrims with Me. <sup>24</sup>And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land.

<sup>25</sup>If your brother has become poor, and has sold away some of his possessions, and if any of his relatives come to redeem it, then he shall redeem that which his brother sold. <sup>26</sup>And if the man has nobody to redeem it, and he himself is able to redeem it, <sup>27</sup>then let him count the years of the sale of it, and restore the overplus to the man to whom he sold it, so that he may return to his possession. <sup>28</sup>But if he is not able to restore to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that has bought it until the year of jubilee. And in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return to his possession. <sup>29</sup>And if a man sells a dwelling house *in* a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold. He may redeem it *within* a full year. <sup>30</sup>And if it is not redeemed within the time of a full year, then the house that *is* in the walled city shall be made sure forever to him who bought it throughout his generations. It shall not go out in the jubilee. <sup>31</sup>But

the houses of the villages which have no walls round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.<sup>32</sup> As to the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites shall have a never-ending redemption.<sup>33</sup> And if a man purchases a house from the Levites, then the house that was sold and the city of his possession shall go out in the year of jubilee. For the house of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the sons of Israel.<sup>34</sup> But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold, for it is theirs forever.

<sup>35</sup> And if your brother has become poor, and his hand has failed with you, then you shall help him; yes, even if he is a stranger or a visitor, so that he may live with you.<sup>36</sup> You shall take no interest from him, or increase. But you shall fear your God, so that your brother may live with you.<sup>37</sup> You shall not give him your money on interest, nor lend him your food for increase.<sup>38</sup> I *am* the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

<sup>39</sup> And if your brother who lives beside you has become poor, and is sold to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a bond-servant.<sup>40</sup> As a hired servant, as a sojourner, he shall be with you, *and* shall serve you until the year of jubilee.<sup>41</sup> And he shall depart from you, he and his sons with him, and shall return to his own family. And he shall return to the possession of his fathers.<sup>42</sup> For they *are* My servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. They shall not be sold as bondmen.<sup>43</sup> You shall not rule over him with rigor, but shall fear your God.<sup>44</sup> Both your bondmen, and your bondmaids whom you shall have, shall be of the nations that are round about you. You shall buy bondmen and bondmaids from them.<sup>45</sup> And also you may buy of the sons of the tenants that live among you; you shall buy from them and from their families that *are* with you, whom they fathered in your land. And they shall be yours.<sup>46</sup> And you shall take them as an inheritance for your sons after you, to hold *for* a possession; you may lay service on them forever. But you shall not rule over your brothers, the sons of Israel, over one another, with harshness.

<sup>47</sup> And if a visitor or stranger becomes rich among you, and your brother who dwells beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or visitor by you, or to the offshoot of the stranger's family,<sup>48</sup> after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him; <sup>49</sup> either his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him, or any that is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him. Or if he is able, he may redeem himself.<sup>50</sup> And he shall count with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him, until the year of jubilee. And the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant it shall be with him.<sup>51</sup> If *there are* still many years, he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for, according to the years.<sup>52</sup> And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according to his years he shall give him again the price of his redemption.<sup>53</sup> As a yearly hired servant he shall be with him. And the other shall not rule with harshness over him in your sight.<sup>54</sup> And if he is not redeemed in this way, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.<sup>55</sup> For to Me the sons of Israel *are* servants. They are My servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup> You shall make no idols to yourselves; and you shall not set up for yourselves graven images, or a memorial pillar. And you shall not set up any image of stone in your land in order to bow down to it. For I *am* the LORD your God.<sup>2</sup> You shall



keep My sabbaths and revere My sanctuary. I *am* the LORD. <sup>3</sup>If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them, <sup>4</sup>then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. <sup>5</sup>And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time. And you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. <sup>6</sup>And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make *you* afraid. And I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. <sup>7</sup>And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. <sup>8</sup>And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. And your enemies shall fall by the sword in front of you. <sup>9</sup>For I will have respect to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish My covenant with you. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat of the old *provision*, and bring forth the old because of the new. <sup>11</sup>And I will set My tabernacle among you. And My soul shall not abhor you. <sup>12</sup>And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people. <sup>13</sup>I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their bondmen. And I have broken the bonds of your yoke, and made you go upright.

<sup>14</sup>But if you will not listen to Me, and will not do all these commandments, <sup>15</sup>and if you shall despise My statutes, or if your soul hates My judgments, so that you will not do all My commandments, so that you break My covenant; <sup>16</sup>I will also do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, consumption, and burning fever that shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. <sup>17</sup>And I will set My face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies. They that hate you shall reign over you. And you shall flee when none pursues you. <sup>18</sup>And if you will not yet listen to Me for all this, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. <sup>19</sup>And I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heaven like iron and your earth like bronze. <sup>20</sup>And your strength shall be spent in vain. For your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the field yield their fruits. <sup>21</sup>And if you walk contrary to Me, and will not listen to Me, I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins. <sup>22</sup>I will also send wild beasts among you, who shall rob you of your sons and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number. And your ways shall be deserted. <sup>23</sup>And if you will not be reformed by Me by these things, but will still walk contrary to Me, <sup>24</sup>then I will walk contrary to you and will punish you seven *times more* for your sins. <sup>25</sup>And I will bring a sword on you that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant. And when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the plague among you. And you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. <sup>26</sup>When I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight. And you shall eat and not be satisfied.

<sup>27</sup>And if you will not for all of this listen to Me, but will walk contrary to Me, <sup>28</sup>then I will walk contrary to you also in fury. And I, even I, will chastise you seven *times* for your sins. <sup>29</sup>And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat. <sup>30</sup>And I will destroy your high places and cut down your images, and throw your carcasses on the carcasses of your idols, and My soul shall despise you. <sup>31</sup>And I will make your cities waste and cause your sanctuaries to be deserted. And I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. <sup>32</sup>And I will turn the land into wasteland. And your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. <sup>33</sup>And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you. And your land shall be waste, and your cities waste.

<sup>34</sup>Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lies waste, and you *are* in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest and enjoy its sabbaths. <sup>35</sup>As long as it lies waste it shall rest, because it did not rest in your sabbaths when you lived on it. <sup>36</sup>And on those of you that are left I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them, and they shall flee as if fleeing from a sword. And they shall fall when none pursues. <sup>37</sup>And they shall fall on one another, as if it were before a sword, when none pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. <sup>38</sup>And you shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. <sup>39</sup>And they that are left of you shall pine away in their wilful sin in your enemies' lands. And also they shall pine away with them in the perversities of their fathers. <sup>40</sup>If they shall confess their wilfulness and the wilfulness of their fathers, with their sin which they sinned against Me, and that also they have walked contrary to Me; <sup>41</sup>I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies. If then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they then pay for their iniquity, <sup>42</sup>then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and also My covenant with Abraham I will remember. And I will remember the land. <sup>43</sup>The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lies waste without them. And they shall accept the punishment of their iniquities; because, even because they despised My judgments, and because their soul hated My statutes. <sup>44</sup>And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I hate them, to destroy them utterly and to break My covenant with them. For I *am* the LORD their God. <sup>45</sup>But for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, so that I might be their God. I *am* the LORD.

<sup>46</sup>These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between Him and the sons of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When a man shall make a special vow, the persons *shall be* for the LORD by your evaluation. <sup>3</sup>And your judgment shall be of the male from twenty years old even to sixty years old, even your judgment shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. <sup>4</sup>And if it is a female, then your judgment shall be thirty shekels. <sup>5</sup>And if from five years old to twenty years old, then your judgment shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. <sup>6</sup>And if from a month old to five years old, then your judgment shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female your judgment *shall be* three shekels of silver. <sup>7</sup>And if from sixty years old and above, if it is a male then your judgment shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. <sup>8</sup>But if he is poorer than your judgment, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him. The priest shall value him according to the ability of him who vowed.

<sup>9</sup>And if it is an animal of which they bring an offering to the LORD, all that *one* gives of such to the LORD shall be holy. <sup>10</sup>He shall not alter it nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good. And if he shall at all change animal for animal, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy. <sup>11</sup>And if it is any unclean animal, of which they do not offer a sacrifice to the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest. <sup>12</sup>And the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad. As you the priest value it, so shall it be. <sup>13</sup>But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part of it to what you judged. <sup>14</sup>And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the LORD, then the priest shall judge it, whether it is good

or bad. As the priest shall judge it, so shall it stand. <sup>15</sup>And if he who sanctified it desires to redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your judgment to it, and it shall be his. <sup>16</sup>And if a man shall sanctify to the LORD some part of a field that he owns, then your judgment shall be according to the seed of it; a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver. <sup>17</sup>If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your judgment it shall stand. <sup>18</sup>But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain, even until the year of jubilee, and it shall be taken from your estimation. <sup>19</sup>And if he who sanctified the field desires in any way to redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be made sure to him. <sup>20</sup>And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. <sup>21</sup>But the field, when it goes out in the jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a field devoted. The possession of it shall be the priest's. <sup>22</sup>And if a man sanctifies to the LORD a field which he has bought, which *is* not of the fields he owns, <sup>23</sup>then the priest shall count to him the worth of your estimation, until the year of jubilee. And he shall give your estimation in that day, a holy thing to the LORD. <sup>24</sup>In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him who owns *it in* the land. <sup>25</sup>And all your judgments shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary, twenty gerahs shall be the shekel. <sup>26</sup>However, the firstborn of an animal, which should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall sanctify it, whether it is an ox, or sheep, *it is* the LORD's. <sup>27</sup>And if it is of an unclean animal, then he shall redeem *it* according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it to it. Or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your estimation. <sup>28</sup>However, no devoted thing that a man shall devote to the LORD of all that he has, either of man or animal, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed. Every devoted thing *is* most holy to the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Nothing devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed, but shall surely be put to death. <sup>30</sup>And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's. *It is* holy to the LORD.

<sup>31</sup>And if a man will at all redeem anything of his tithes, he shall add to it the fifth part of it. <sup>32</sup>And all the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, all that passes under the rod, a tenth shall be holy to the LORD. <sup>33</sup>He shall not search whether it is good or bad, neither shall he change it. And if he changes it at all, then both it and the change of it shall be holy. It shall not be redeemed.

<sup>34</sup>These *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel in Mount Sinai.

# THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup>Take the sum of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of names, every male by their heads, <sup>3</sup>from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. <sup>4</sup>And with you there shall be a man of every tribe, each one head of the house of his fathers. <sup>5</sup>And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: Of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur; <sup>6</sup>Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; <sup>7</sup>of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; <sup>8</sup>of Issachar, Nethaneel the son of Zuar; <sup>9</sup>of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; <sup>10</sup>of the sons of Joseph; of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; <sup>11</sup>of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; <sup>12</sup>of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; <sup>13</sup>of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; <sup>14</sup>of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; <sup>15</sup>of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan. <sup>16</sup>These *were* the noted ones of the congregation, rulers of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

<sup>17</sup>And Moses and Aaron took these men who are called by name. <sup>18</sup>And they gathered all the congregation together on the first day of the second month. And they declared their pedigrees according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their heads. <sup>19</sup>As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

<sup>20</sup>And the sons of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their heads, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>21</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben *were* forty-six thousand, five hundred.

<sup>22</sup>Of the sons of Simeon, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their heads, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>23</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty-nine thousand, three hundred.

<sup>24</sup>Of the sons of Gad, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>25</sup>those numbered of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty.

<sup>26</sup>Of the sons of Judah, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>27</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, *were* seventy-four thousand, six hundred.

<sup>28</sup>Of the sons of Issachar, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>29</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty-four thousand, four hundred.

<sup>30</sup>Of the sons of Zebulun, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty

years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>31</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty-seven thousand, four hundred.

<sup>32</sup>Of the sons of Joseph, of the sons of Ephraim, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>33</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand, five hundred.

<sup>34</sup>Of the sons of Manasseh, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>35</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty-two thousand, two hundred.

<sup>36</sup>Of the sons of Benjamin, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>37</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty-five thousand, four hundred.

<sup>38</sup>Of the sons of Dan, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>39</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, *were* sixty-two thousand, seven hundred.

<sup>40</sup>Of the sons of Asher, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>41</sup>those numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty-one thousand, five hundred.

<sup>42</sup>Of the sons of Naphtali, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: <sup>43</sup>those were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

<sup>44</sup>These *are* those who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the rulers of Israel numbered, being twelve men. Each one was for the house of his fathers. <sup>45</sup>And all those that were numbered of the sons of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel: <sup>46</sup>even all those who were numbered *were* six hundred three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

<sup>47</sup>But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them. <sup>48</sup>For the LORD had spoken to Moses saying, <sup>49</sup>Only you shall not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the sons of Israel. <sup>50</sup>But you shall set the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all its vessels, and over all its things. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its vessels. And they shall serve it, and shall camp around the tabernacle. <sup>51</sup>And when the tabernacle sets forth, the Levites shall take it down. And when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. <sup>52</sup>And the sons of Israel shall pitch their tents, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own banner, throughout their armies. <sup>53</sup>But the Levites shall pitch around the tabernacle of testimony, so that there may be no wrath upon the congregation of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony. <sup>54</sup>And the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they did.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup>Every man of the sons of Israel shall pitch by his own banner, with the banner of their father's house. They shall pitch far off, around the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>3</sup>And those

who pitch on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall be those of the banner of the camp of Judah, throughout their armies. And Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the sons of Judah. <sup>4</sup>And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand, six hundred. <sup>5</sup>And those that pitch next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar. And Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the sons of Issachar. <sup>6</sup>And his army, and those that were numbered of them *were* fifty-four thousand, and four hundred.

<sup>7</sup>And the tribe of Zebulun; the ruler of the sons of Zebulun *shall be* Eliab the son of Helon. <sup>8</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them *were* fifty-seven thousand and four hundred. <sup>9</sup>All that were numbered of the camp of Judah *were* a hundred and eighty-six thousand and four hundred, by their armies. They shall set forth first.

<sup>10</sup>On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

<sup>11</sup>And his army, and those numbered of it, *were* forty-six thousand, five hundred.

<sup>12</sup>And those who pitch beside him shall be the tribe of Simeon. And the captain of the sons of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. <sup>13</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* fifty-nine thousand, three hundred. <sup>14</sup>Then the tribe of Gad. And the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

<sup>15</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty. <sup>16</sup>All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* a hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the second rank.

<sup>17</sup>And the tabernacle of the congregation shall go forward *with* the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp. As they camp, so they shall go forward, each man in his place, by their banners.

<sup>18</sup>On the west side shall be the banner of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies. And the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

<sup>19</sup>And his army, and those numbered with them, *were* forty thousand, five hundred. <sup>20</sup>And beside him shall be the tribe of Manasseh. And the captain of the sons of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

<sup>21</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* thirty-two thousand, two hundred.

<sup>22</sup>And the tribe of Benjamin; the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideon. <sup>23</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* thirty-five thousand, four hundred. <sup>24</sup>All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* a hundred eight thousand, one hundred, by their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

<sup>25</sup>The banner of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side of their armies. And the captain of the sons of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

<sup>26</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* sixty-two thousand, seven hundred. <sup>27</sup>And those that camp beside him *shall be* the tribe of Asher. And the captain of the sons of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

<sup>28</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* forty-one thousand, five hundred. <sup>29</sup>Then the tribe of Naphtali. And the captain of the sons of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan.

<sup>30</sup>And his army, and those numbered of them, *were* fifty-three thousand, four hundred. <sup>31</sup>All those who were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* a hundred fifty-seven thousand, six hundred. They shall go last with their banners.

<sup>32</sup>These are those numbered of the sons of Israel, by the house of their fathers. All those numbered of the camps throughout their armies *were* six hundred three thousand, five hundred and fifty. <sup>33</sup>But the Levites were not numbered among the sons of Israel, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>34</sup>And the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they pitched by their banners, and so they went forward, everyone according to their families, according to the house of their fathers.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>These also *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. <sup>2</sup>And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>3</sup>These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he set apart to minister in the priest's office. <sup>4</sup>And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai. And they had no sons. And Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

<sup>5</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>6</sup>Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, so that they may minister to him. <sup>7</sup>And they shall keep his charge and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. <sup>8</sup>And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. <sup>9</sup>And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his son. They *are* wholly given to him out of the sons of Israel. <sup>10</sup>And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>12</sup>And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of all the first-born that opens the womb among the sons of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine. <sup>13</sup>Because all the first-born *are* mine. On the day that I struck all the first-born in the sons of Egypt I made all the first-born in Israel holy to Me, both man and animal. They shall be Mine. I am the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai saying, <sup>15</sup>Number the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, by their families. You shall number them, every male from a month old and upward. <sup>16</sup>And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. <sup>17</sup>And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. <sup>18</sup>And these *were* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izehar, Hebron and Uzziel. <sup>20</sup>And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These *were* the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

<sup>21</sup>Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites. These *are* the families of the Gershonites. <sup>22</sup>Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward; those numbered of them *were* seven thousand, five hundred. <sup>23</sup>The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward. <sup>24</sup>And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael. <sup>25</sup>And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, and the covering of it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, <sup>26</sup>and the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court which is by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and the cords of it, for all the service of it.

<sup>27</sup>And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites. These *were* the families of the Kohathites. <sup>28</sup>In number, all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the

sanctuary.<sup>29</sup>The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward. <sup>30</sup>And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. <sup>31</sup>And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the hanging, and all the service of it. <sup>32</sup>And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the leaders of the Levites, having the oversight of the ones who keep the charge of the sanctuary.

<sup>33</sup>Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites. These *are* the families of Merari. <sup>34</sup>And those numbered of them, according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred. <sup>35</sup>And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zurriel the son of Abihail. They pitched on the side of the tabernacle northward. <sup>36</sup>And the office and charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and its vessels, and all its service, <sup>37</sup>and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

<sup>38</sup>And those who camp before the tabernacle toward the east, before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the sons of Israel. And the stranger that comes near shall be put to death. <sup>39</sup>All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty-two thousand.

<sup>40</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Number all the first-born of the males of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. <sup>41</sup>You shall take the Levites for Me, I *am* the LORD, in the place of all the first-born among the sons of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the sons of Israel. <sup>42</sup>And as the LORD commanded him, Moses numbered all the first-born among the sons of Israel. <sup>43</sup>And all the first-born males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those numbered of them, *were* twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

<sup>44</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>45</sup>Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. And the Levites shall be Mine. I *am* the LORD. <sup>46</sup>And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the sons of Israel, who are more than the Levites, <sup>47</sup>you shall even take five shekels each by the head, according to the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take. (The shekel is twenty gerahs.) <sup>48</sup>And you shall give to Aaron, and to his sons, the money with which the number of them left over is to be redeemed. <sup>49</sup>And Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above the ones who were redeemed by the Levites. <sup>50</sup>He took the money from the first-born of the sons of Israel: one thousand three hundred and sixty-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. <sup>51</sup>And Moses gave the money from those who were redeemed to Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup>Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, <sup>3</sup>from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>4</sup>This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the



most holy things. <sup>5</sup>And when the camp sets forth, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of testimony with it. <sup>6</sup>And they shall put on it the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in its staves. <sup>7</sup>And they shall spread a cloth of blue upon the table of showbread, and put the dishes on it, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover it with. And the continual bread shall be on it. <sup>8</sup>And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall put in its staves. <sup>9</sup>And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its snuff-dishes, and all the oil vessels of it, with which they serve it. <sup>10</sup>And they shall put it and all the vessels of it inside a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

<sup>11</sup>And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall put the staves into it. <sup>12</sup>And they shall take all the instruments of ministry with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar. <sup>13</sup>And *they* shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. <sup>14</sup>And *they* shall put on it all its vessels, with which they minister about it: the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar. And they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put the staves into it. <sup>15</sup>And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set forward, then after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry it. But they shall not touch any holy thing lest they die. These *are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

<sup>16</sup>And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *belongs* the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily food offering, and the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle and of all that *is* in it, in the sanctuary and in its vessels.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>18</sup>Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites. <sup>19</sup>But do this to them, and they shall live and not die when they approach the most holy things. Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint each one of them to his service and to his burden. <sup>20</sup>But they shall not go in to watch when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>22</sup>Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon throughout the houses of their fathers by their families. <sup>23</sup>From thirty years old and upward to fifty years old you shall number them, all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>24</sup>This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve and to carry burdens. <sup>25</sup>And they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, its covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, <sup>26</sup>and the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them. So they shall serve. <sup>27</sup>At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens and in all their service. And you shall appoint all their burdens to the ones in charge. <sup>28</sup>This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation. And their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

<sup>29</sup>You shall number the sons of Merari according to their families, by the house of their fathers. <sup>30</sup>You shall number them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who enters into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>31</sup>And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation: the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, <sup>32</sup>and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service. And you shall count the instruments of the charge of their burden by name. <sup>33</sup>This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

<sup>34</sup>And Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites according to their families, and according to the house of their fathers. <sup>35</sup>They numbered them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that entered into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>36</sup>And those numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. <sup>37</sup>These were the ones that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

<sup>38</sup>And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers, <sup>39</sup>from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that enters into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, <sup>40</sup>even those that were numbered of them throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand six hundred and thirty. <sup>41</sup>These are the ones numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

<sup>42</sup>And those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, <sup>43</sup>from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that enters into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, <sup>44</sup>even those numbered of them according to their families, were three thousand, two hundred. <sup>45</sup>These are those numbered of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

<sup>46</sup>All those numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel numbered, according to their families and according to the house of their fathers, <sup>47</sup>from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that came to do the service of the ministry and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation, <sup>48</sup>even those numbered of them were eight thousand, five hundred and eighty. <sup>49</sup>According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, everyone according to his service and according to his burden. So they were numbered by him as the LORD commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Command the sons of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper and everyone that has an issue, and whoever is defiled by the dead. <sup>3</sup>You shall put out both male and female. You shall put them outside the camp so that they do not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Israel did so, and put them out outside the camp. Even as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

<sup>5</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel: When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to commit a trespass against the LORD, and that person is guilty, <sup>7</sup>then they shall confess their sin which they have done. And he shall make good his wrong in full, and add to it one fifth of it, and give it to him against whom he has sinned. <sup>8</sup>But if the man has no kinsman to whom he may pay for the wrong, let the trespass be given to the LORD, to the priest, besides the ram of the atonement by which an atonement shall be made for him. <sup>9</sup>And every offering of all the holy things of the sons of Israel which they shall bring to the priest, shall be his. <sup>10</sup>And every man's devoted things shall be his. Whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, If any man's wife go aside and be unfaithful to him, <sup>13</sup>and a man lie with her carnally, and if it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and is kept hidden, and she is defiled, and *there is* no witness against her, neither is she taken in the act; <sup>14</sup>and if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled — or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled — <sup>15</sup>then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth of an ephah of barley meal. He shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is an offering of jealousy, a reminding offering, bringing iniquity to mind. <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall bring her near and set her before the LORD <sup>17</sup>And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel. And the priest shall take of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water. <sup>18</sup>And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the reminding offering in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse. <sup>19</sup>And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, you are free from this bitter water that causes the curse. <sup>20</sup>But if you have gone aside, being under your husband, and if you are defiled and some man has lain with you besides your husband, <sup>21</sup>then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing. And the priest shall say to the woman, The LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh to fall away and your belly to swell. <sup>22</sup>And this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels to make *your* belly swell and *your* thigh fall away. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. <sup>23</sup>And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water. <sup>24</sup>And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causes the curse. And the water that causes the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. <sup>25</sup>Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar. <sup>26</sup>And the priest shall take a handful of the offering, as a memorial of it, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward he shall cause the woman to drink the water. <sup>27</sup>And when he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she is defiled and has been unfaithful to her husband, the water that causes the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. And her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away. And the woman shall be a curse among her people. <sup>28</sup>And if the woman is not defiled, but is clean, then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. <sup>29</sup>This *is* the law of jealousies when a woman goes aside, being under her husband, and is defiled. <sup>30</sup>Or when the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. <sup>31</sup>Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, When either man or woman shall separate in order to vow a vow of a Nazarite, in order to separate to the LORD, <sup>3</sup>he shall separate from wine and strong drink and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink; neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes or dried. <sup>4</sup>All the days of his Nazariteship he shall eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. <sup>5</sup>All the days of his vow to separate, no razor shall come upon his head. Until the days are fulfilled in which he separates to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. <sup>6</sup>All the days that he separates to the LORD, he shall not come near any dead body. <sup>7</sup>He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, or for his brother, or for his sister, when they die, because the consecration of his God is upon his head. <sup>8</sup>All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he has defiled the head of his consecration, then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it. <sup>10</sup>And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>11</sup>And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, because he sinned by the dead, and shall make his head holy that same day. <sup>12</sup>And he shall set apart to the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a guilt offering. But the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

<sup>13</sup>And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled. He shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>14</sup>And he shall offer his offering to the LORD: one male lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings, <sup>15</sup>and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their food offerings and their drink offerings. <sup>16</sup>And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD and shall offer his sin offerings and his burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also his food offering and his drink offering. <sup>18</sup>And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation and put *it* in the fire under the sacrifice of the peace offerings. <sup>19</sup>And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after his separation has been shaved. <sup>20</sup>And the priest shall wave *them for* a wave offering before the LORD. This is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder. And afterward the Nazarite may drink wine. <sup>21</sup>This is the law of the Nazarite who has vowed his offering to the LORD for his separation, besides that which he is able to get. According to the vow which he vowed, so he must do according to the law of his separation.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and to his sons saying, In this way you shall bless the sons of Israel, saying to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you. <sup>25</sup>The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. <sup>26</sup>The LORD lift up His face to you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>And they shall put My name upon the sons of Israel. And I will bless them.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all the instruments of it, both the altar and all the vessels of it, and had anointed them and sanctified them, <sup>2</sup>the rulers of Israel offered, those who were heads of the house of their fathers, who were the rulers of the tribes and were over them that were numbered. <sup>3</sup>And they brought their offerings before the LORD: six covered wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for two of the rulers, and an ox for each one. And they brought them before the tabernacle. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>5</sup>Take it from them so that they may be used in doing the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. <sup>7</sup>He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their service. <sup>8</sup>And he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. <sup>9</sup>But to the sons of Kohath he did not give any, because the service of the sanctuary belonging to them was that which they should carry upon their shoulders. <sup>10</sup>And the rulers offered for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the rulers offered their offering before the altar. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, They shall offer their offering, each ruler on his day, for the dedication of the altar.

<sup>12</sup>And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>13</sup>And his offering was one silver platter. The weight of it was a hundred and thirty shekels. And he offered one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>14</sup>one spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; <sup>15</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>16</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>17</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

<sup>18</sup>On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, ruler of Issachar, offered. <sup>19</sup>He offered for his offering one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>20</sup>one spoon of gold of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>21</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>22</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>23</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

<sup>24</sup>On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, ruler of the sons of Zebulun, offered. <sup>25</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>26</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>27</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>28</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>29</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

<sup>30</sup>On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, ruler of the sons of Reuben, offered. <sup>31</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>32</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>33</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb

of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>34</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>35</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

<sup>36</sup>On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ruler of the sons of Simeon, offered. <sup>37</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>38</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>39</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>40</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>41</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

<sup>42</sup>On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, ruler of the sons of Gad, offered. <sup>43</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>44</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>45</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>46</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>47</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

<sup>48</sup>On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, ruler of the sons of Ephraim, offered. <sup>49</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>50</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>51</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>52</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>53</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

<sup>54</sup>On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ruler of the sons of Manasseh, offered. <sup>55</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>56</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>57</sup>one young bull; one ram; one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>58</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>59</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

<sup>60</sup>On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, ruler of the sons of Benjamin, offered. <sup>61</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>62</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>63</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>64</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>65</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

<sup>66</sup>On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ruler of the sons of Dan, offered. <sup>67</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>68</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>69</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>70</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>71</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

<sup>72</sup>On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, ruler of the sons of Asher, offered. <sup>73</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>74</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>75</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>76</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>77</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

<sup>78</sup>On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, ruler of the sons of Naphtali, offered. <sup>79</sup>His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a food offering; <sup>80</sup>one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>81</sup>one young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering; <sup>82</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering; <sup>83</sup>and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

<sup>84</sup>This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the rulers of Israel: twelve platters of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons. <sup>85</sup>Each platter of silver weighed a hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy. All the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. <sup>86</sup>The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. All the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty shekels. <sup>87</sup>All the oxen for the burnt offerings were twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their food offering. And the kids of the goats for a sin offering twelve. <sup>88</sup>And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

<sup>89</sup>And when Moses had gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him, then he heard the voice of One speaking to him from the mercy-seat on the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubs.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to Aaron, and say to him, When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand. <sup>3</sup>And Aaron did so. He lighted the lamps of it over against the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>4</sup>And this work of the lampstand was of beaten gold, to its base and to its blossoms; it was beaten work. According to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

<sup>5</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>6</sup>Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and purify them. <sup>7</sup>And in this way shall you do to them to purify them. Sprinkle water of sin-offering on them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and make themselves clean. <sup>8</sup>Then let them take a young bull with its food offering, fine flour mixed with oil, and another young bull shall you take for a sin offering. <sup>9</sup>And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall gather the whole assembly of the sons of Israel together. <sup>10</sup>And you shall bring the Levites before the LORD. And the sons of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites. <sup>11</sup>And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an offering of the sons of Israel, so that they may do the service of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bulls. And you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, to the

LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites. <sup>13</sup>And you shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>So you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall be Mine. <sup>15</sup>And after that the Levites shall go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall purify them and offer them *for* a wave offering. <sup>16</sup>For they are wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel, instead of those that open every womb. The first-born of all the sons of Israel, I have taken them to Me. <sup>17</sup>For all the first-born of the sons of Israel are Mine, both man and animal. On the day that I struck every first-born in the land of Egypt I set them apart for Myself. <sup>18</sup>And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the sons of Israel. <sup>19</sup>And I have given the Levites *as* a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to do the service of the sons of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the sons of Israel, so that there may be no plague among the sons of Israel when the sons of Israel come near the sanctuary.

<sup>20</sup>And Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel did to the Levites according to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites. So the sons of Israel did to them. <sup>21</sup>And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes. And Aaron offered them, an offering before the LORD. And Aaron made an atonement for them to purify them. <sup>22</sup>And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron and before his sons. Even as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

<sup>23</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>24</sup>This is that which *pertains* to the Levites. From twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>25</sup>And from the age of fifty years they shall stop waiting upon the service, and shall serve no more. <sup>26</sup>But they shall minister with their brothers in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. So you shall do to the Levites as to their duties.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup>Let the sons of Israel also keep the Passover at its appointed time. <sup>3</sup>In the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed time. You shall keep it according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies of it. <sup>4</sup>And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel that they should keep the Passover. <sup>5</sup>And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first *month* at evening in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so all the sons of Israel did.

<sup>6</sup>And *there were* certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day. And they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day. <sup>7</sup>And those men said to him, *We are* defiled by the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in its appointed time among the sons of Israel? <sup>8</sup>And Moses said to them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command about you. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>10</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean because of a dead body, or in a journey afar off, he shall still keep the Passover to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They shall keep it the fourteenth day of the second month at evening, eating it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. <sup>12</sup>They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any bone of it. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.



<sup>13</sup>But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and holds back from keeping the Passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he did not bring the offering of the LORD in His appointed time, that man shall bear his sin. <sup>14</sup>And if a stranger shall live among you, and desires to keep the Passover to the LORD, he shall do according to the ordinance of the Passover, and according to the manner of it. You shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and for him that was born in the land.

<sup>15</sup>And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was upon the tabernacle, looking like fire, until the morning. <sup>16</sup>So it was always. The cloud covered it, and it looked like fire by night. <sup>17</sup>And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the sons of Israel journeyed. And in the place where the cloud stayed, there the sons of Israel pitched their tents. <sup>18</sup>At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel journey, and at the command of the LORD they pitched. As long as the cloud stayed upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. <sup>19</sup>And when the cloud stayed long upon the tabernacle many days, then the sons of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. <sup>20</sup>And so when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained in their tents, and according to the command of the LORD they journeyed.

<sup>21</sup>And so when the cloud stayed from evening to the morning, and the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed. Whether by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. <sup>22</sup>Or two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud stayed upon the tabernacle, remaining on it, the sons of Israel stayed in their tents and did not journey. But when it was taken up, they journeyed. <sup>23</sup>At the command of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed. They kept the charge of the LORD at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of beaten work. And they shall be used for the calling of the assembly and for causing the camps to go forward. <sup>3</sup>And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>4</sup>And if they blow with one, then the rulers who are heads of the thousands of Israel shall gather themselves to you. <sup>5</sup>When you blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. <sup>6</sup>When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. <sup>7</sup>But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations. <sup>9</sup>And if you go to war in your land against the enemy who fights against you, then you shall blow an alarm with the trumpets. And you shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. <sup>10</sup>Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings, so that they may be to you for a memorial before your GOD. *I am* the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>And on the twentieth of the second month, in the second year, the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle of the testimony. <sup>12</sup>And the sons of Israel took their journeyings out of the land of Sinai. And the cloud rested in the wilderness of

Paran. <sup>13</sup>And they first took their journey according to the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses. <sup>14</sup>In the front went the banner of the camp of Judah according to their armies. And over his army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. <sup>15</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar. <sup>16</sup>And over the army of the tribe of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. <sup>17</sup>And the tabernacle was taken down. And the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari went forward carrying the tabernacle. <sup>18</sup>And the banner of the camp of Reuben went forward according to their armies. And over his army was Elizur the son of Shedeur. <sup>19</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. <sup>20</sup>And over the army of the tribe of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. <sup>21</sup>And the Kohathites went forward carrying the sanctuary. And the tabernacle was set up before they came. <sup>22</sup>And the banner of the camp of the sons of Ephraim went forward according to their armies. And over his army was Elishama the son of Ammihud. <sup>23</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel of Pedahzur. <sup>24</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

<sup>25</sup>And the banner of the camp of the sons of Dan set forward, the rear guard of all the camps throughout their army. And over his army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. <sup>26</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Asher was Pagiel, the son of Ocran. <sup>27</sup>And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. <sup>28</sup>These were the journeyings of the sons of Israel according to their armies when they went forward.

<sup>29</sup>And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law: We are going to the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you. Come with us, and we will do you good. For the LORD has spoken good concerning Israel. <sup>30</sup>And he said to him, I will not go, but I will go to my own land and to my kindred. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Please do not leave us, because you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and so you may be to us for eyes. <sup>32</sup>And if you go with us, whatever goodness the LORD shall do to us, the same will we do to you.

<sup>33</sup>And they moved three days' journey from the mountain of the LORD. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to look for a resting-place for them. <sup>34</sup>And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. <sup>35</sup>And it happened when the ark went forward, Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You. <sup>36</sup>And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, to the many thousands of Israel.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the people were evil, as those complaining in the ears of the LORD. And the LORD heard, and His anger was kindled. And the fire of the LORD burned among them and burned up those who were in the outermost parts of the camp. <sup>2</sup>And the people cried to Moses. And when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was put out. <sup>3</sup>And he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

<sup>4</sup>And the mixed multitude in their midst lusted with great lust. And the sons of Israel also cried again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all besides this manna before our eyes. <sup>7</sup>And the manna was like coriander seed, and the color of it was like the color of bdellium. <sup>8</sup>The people went around and gathered, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked

in pans, and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of fresh oil.  
<sup>9</sup>And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

<sup>10</sup>Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly. Moses also was displeased. <sup>11</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, so that You lay the burden of all this people upon me? <sup>12</sup>Have I conceived all this people? Did I bring them forth, that You should say to me, Carry them in your bosom like a nursing father carries the sucking child, to the land which You swore to their fathers? <sup>13</sup>From where should I get flesh to give to all this people? For they weep to me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat. <sup>14</sup>I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>And if You are going to deal this way with me, I beg You to kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight, and let me not see my misery.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people, and the officers over them. And bring them to the tabernacle of the congregation so that they may stand there with you. <sup>17</sup>And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take of the spirit on you, and will put *it* on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you so that you do not bear *it* yourself alone. <sup>18</sup>And say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh. For you have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat, for *it was* well with us in Egypt? Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and you shall eat. <sup>19</sup>You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days. <sup>20</sup>Even a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils, and it is hateful to you, because you have despised the LORD among you, and have wept before Him, saying, Why did we come out of Egypt?

<sup>21</sup>And Moses said, The people among whom I *am* are six hundred thousand footmen. And You have said, I will give them flesh so that they may eat a whole month! <sup>22</sup>Shall the flocks and the herds be killed, to be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be enough for them? <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Has the LORD's hand become short? You shall see now whether or not My word shall come to pass to you. <sup>24</sup>And Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them all around the tabernacle. <sup>25</sup>And the LORD came down in a cloud and spoke to him, and took of the spirit on him and gave it to the seventy elders. And it happened when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they never did so again. <sup>26</sup>But two of the men stayed in the camp; the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. And they *were* of those who were written, but did not go out to the tabernacle. And they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, make them cease. <sup>29</sup>And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Would God that all the LORD's people *were* prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them! <sup>30</sup>And Moses went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>And a wind went forth from the LORD. And it brought quails from the sea and let fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits high upon the face of the earth. <sup>32</sup>And the people stood up all that day and all night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails. And he that gathered least gathered

ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.<sup>33</sup> And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.<sup>34</sup> And he called the name of that place Graves of Lust, because there they buried the people that lusted.

<sup>35</sup>And the people moved from the Graves of Lust to Hazeroth, and stayed at Hazeroth.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had taken. For he had taken a Cushite woman.<sup>2</sup> And they said, Has the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And the LORD heard.<sup>3</sup> (Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all the men on the face of the earth.)<sup>4</sup> And the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses and to Aaron and to Miriam, You three come out to the tabernacle of the congregation. And the three came out.<sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both came forth.<sup>6</sup> And He said, Hear now My words. If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make Myself known to him in a vision, and will speak to him in a dream.<sup>7</sup> Not so, My servant Moses. He *is* faithful in all My house.<sup>8</sup> I will speak with him mouth to mouth, even clearly, and not in dark speeches. And he shall behold the likeness of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?<sup>9</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and He moved.<sup>10</sup> And the cloud moved from the tabernacle. And behold! Miriam became leprous, as snow. And Aaron looked on Miriam, and behold, *she* was leprous.<sup>11</sup> And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I beg you, do not lay upon us the sin in which we have done foolishly, and in which we have sinned.<sup>12</sup> Let her not be like one dead, of whom the flesh is half gone when he comes out of his mother's womb.<sup>13</sup> And Moses cried to the LORD saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech You.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received.<sup>15</sup> And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days. And the people did not journey until Miriam was brought in.<sup>16</sup> And afterward the people moved from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying,<sup>2</sup> Send men so that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give to the sons of Israel. You shall send a man from every tribe of their fathers, everyone a ruler among them.<sup>3</sup> And Moses by the command of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran. All those men were heads of the sons of Israel.<sup>4</sup> And these *were* their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.<sup>5</sup> Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.<sup>6</sup> Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.<sup>7</sup> Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.<sup>8</sup> Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.<sup>9</sup> Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.<sup>10</sup> Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.<sup>11</sup> Of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.<sup>12</sup> Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.<sup>13</sup> Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.<sup>14</sup> Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.<sup>15</sup> Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.<sup>16</sup> These *were* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Joshua.

<sup>17</sup>And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this way, southward, and go up into the mountain. <sup>18</sup>And see the land, what it is, and the people that live in it, whether it is strong or weak, few or many. <sup>19</sup>And see what the land is that they live in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they dwell in, whether in tents or in strongholds; <sup>20</sup>and what the land is, whether fat or lean, whether there is wood in it or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of first ripe grapes.

<sup>21</sup>So they went up and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, as men come to Hamath. <sup>22</sup>And they went up by the south and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sons of Anak were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup>And they came to the valley of Eshcol and cut from there a branch with one cluster of grapes. And they carried it between two men upon a staff, and some of the pomegranates and of the figs. <sup>24</sup>The place was called the valley of Eshcol because of the clusters of grapes which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

<sup>25</sup>And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. <sup>26</sup>And they left and came to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh. And they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup>And they told him and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey. And this is the fruit of it. <sup>28</sup>However, the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are walled, very great. And also we saw the children of Anak there. <sup>29</sup>The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south, and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea and by the coast of Jordan. <sup>30</sup>And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it. For we are well able to overcome it. <sup>31</sup>But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we. <sup>32</sup>And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched to the sons of Israel, saying, The land through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up those who live in it. And all the people whom we saw in it were men of stature. <sup>33</sup>And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, of the giants. And we were in our own sight like grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried. And the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup>And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And the whole congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, Oh that we had died in the wilderness! <sup>3</sup>And why has the LORD brought us into this land to fall by the sword, so that our wives and our sons should be a prey? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt? <sup>4</sup>And they said to one another, Let us make a captain, and let us return to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those that searched the land, tore their clothes. <sup>7</sup>And they spoke to all the company of the sons of Israel saying, The land which we passed through to search is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup>If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup>Only do not rebel against the LORD, neither fear the people of the land. For they are bread for us. Their protection has moved from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them. <sup>10</sup>But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory

of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the sons of Israel.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, How long will this people provoke Me? And how long will it be before they believe Me, for all the signs which I have shown among them? <sup>12</sup>I will strike them with the pestilence and will disinherit them, and will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they. <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, Then the Egyptians will hear, for You have brought up this people in Your might from among them. <sup>14</sup>And they will say to the inhabitant of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among this people, who is seen eye to eye. You *are* the LORD, and Your cloud stands over them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup>And will you kill this people as one man? Then the nations who have heard Your fame will speak, saying, <sup>16</sup>Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness. <sup>17</sup>And now, I beseech You, let the power of my Lord be great, according as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup>The LORD *is* long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth generation. <sup>19</sup>I beseech You, pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your mercy, and as You have forgiven this people from Egypt even until now.

<sup>20</sup>And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to your word. <sup>21</sup>But truly, *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled *with* the glory of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>Because all those men who have seen My glory and My miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not listened to My voice, <sup>23</sup>surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it. <sup>24</sup>But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he went. And his seed shall possess it. <sup>25</sup>(Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites lived in the valley.) Tomorrow turn and go into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup>How long shall I bear *with* this evil congregation, which murmurs against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel which they murmur against Me. <sup>28</sup>Say to them, *As* I live, says the LORD, as you have spoken in My ears, so I will do to you. <sup>29</sup>Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me, <sup>30</sup>you shall certainly not come into the land which I swore to make you live in, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>31</sup>But your little ones, which you said should be a prey, I will bring them in and they shall know the land which you have despised. <sup>32</sup>But as for you, your bodies shall fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup>And your sons shall wander in the wilderness forty years and bear your fornications, until your dead bodies have wasted in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup>According to the number of the days in which you searched the land — forty days — each day for a year you shall bear your iniquities, forty years; and you shall know my breaking off. <sup>35</sup>I the LORD have spoken; I will surely do it to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. They shall be destroyed in this wilderness, and there they shall die.

<sup>36</sup>And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report upon the land, <sup>37</sup>even those men that brought up the evil report upon the land died by the plague before the LORD. <sup>38</sup>But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of the men that went to spy out the land, lived. <sup>39</sup>And Moses told

these sayings to all the sons of Israel. And the people mourned greatly. <sup>40</sup>And they rose up early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we are here, and will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned. <sup>41</sup>And Moses said, Why do you now go beyond the command of the LORD, since it shall not be blessed? <sup>42</sup>Do not go up, for the LORD *is* not among you. And shall you not be beaten before your enemies? <sup>43</sup>For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. <sup>44</sup>But they presumed to go up to the hilltop. But the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, did not leave the camp. <sup>45</sup>And the Amalekites and the Canaanites who were living in that mountain came down and struck them, and beat them down, to Hormah.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have come into the land of your dwelling places, which I give to you, <sup>3</sup>and will make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a free-will offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savor to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock, <sup>4</sup>then he who offers his offering to the LORD shall bring a food offering of a tenth deal of flour mixed with the fourth of a hin of oil. <sup>5</sup>And the fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering shall you prepare with the burnt offering, or sacrifice, for one lamb. <sup>6</sup>Or for a ram, you shall prepare a food offering, two-tenths parts of flour mixed with the third of a hin of oil. <sup>7</sup>And for a drink offering you shall offer the third of a hin of wine for a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And when you prepare a bull, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings to the LORD, <sup>9</sup>then he shall bring with the bull, a food offering of three-tenths parts of flour mixed with half a hin of oil. <sup>10</sup>And you shall bring for a drink offering half a hin of wine, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>So it shall be done for one bull, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid. <sup>12</sup>According to the number that you shall prepare, so you shall do to everyone according to their number. <sup>13</sup>All that are born of the country shall do these things in this way, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And if a stranger stays with you, or whoever *is* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a sweet savor to the LORD; as you do, so he shall do. <sup>15</sup>One ordinance for you of the congregation and also for the stranger that stays with you, an ordinance forever in your generations. As you *are*, so the stranger shall be before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>One law and one way shall be for you and for the stranger that lives with you.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>18</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land where I bring you, <sup>19</sup>then when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>You shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough, a heave offering, as the heave offering of the threshing-floor, so you shall lift it up. <sup>21</sup>Of the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD a heave offering in your generations. <sup>22</sup>And if you have erred and have not done all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses' <sup>23</sup>all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses from the day that the LORD commanded, and onward in your generations, <sup>24</sup>then if it is committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, all the congregation shall offer up one young bull for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor to the LORD, with its food offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering. <sup>25</sup>And the priest shall make

an atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it *is* ignorance. And they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance. <sup>26</sup>And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the sons of Israel and the stranger that lives among them, since all the people *were* in ignorance.

<sup>27</sup>And if one soul sins through ignorance, then he shall bring a female goat of the first year for a sin offering. <sup>28</sup>And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that errs, when he sins by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him. And it shall be forgiven him. <sup>29</sup>And you shall have one law for him who acts through ignorance; *for* him that is home-born among the sons of Israel and for the stranger that stays among them. <sup>30</sup>But the soul who acts with a high hand, whether home-born or of the stranger, the same blasphemes the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>31</sup>Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off. His iniquity *shall be* upon him.

<sup>32</sup>And while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day. <sup>33</sup>And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation. <sup>34</sup>And they put him under guard because it had not been clearly said what should be done to him. <sup>35</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, The man shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp. <sup>36</sup>And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>37</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>38</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and command them that they make fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue. <sup>39</sup>And it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look upon it and remember all the commands of the LORD, and do them; and so that you do not seek after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you go astray, <sup>40</sup>that you may remember and do all My command, and be holy to your God. <sup>41</sup>*I am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. *I am* the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took both Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben; <sup>2</sup>even they rose up before Moses with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty rulers of the assembly, elect men in the congregation, men who were well-known. <sup>3</sup>And they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, You *take* too much upon you, since all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the LORD?

<sup>4</sup>And Moses heard and fell on his face. <sup>5</sup>And he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the LORD will show who *are* His, and him who *is* holy, and will cause him to come near to Him; even him whom He has chosen, He will cause to come near to Him. <sup>6</sup>Do this. Take censers, Korah and all his company, <sup>7</sup>and put fire in them, and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow. And the man whom the LORD chooses, he shall be holy. You *take* too much upon you, sons of Levi! <sup>8</sup>And Moses said to Korah, Hear now you sons of Levi; <sup>9</sup>is it only a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to



them? <sup>10</sup>And He has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you. And do you seek the priesthood also? <sup>11</sup>For this cause you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD. And what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?

<sup>12</sup>And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. And they said, We will not come up. <sup>13</sup>Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land that flows with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but must you also seize dominion over us? <sup>14</sup>Besides, you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance in fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up. <sup>15</sup>And Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. <sup>16</sup>And Moses said to Korah, Stand before the LORD, you and all your company — you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. <sup>17</sup>And every man take his censer and put incense in them, and let every man bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers, you also, and Aaron, each with his censer. <sup>18</sup>And every man took his censer and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. <sup>19</sup>And Korah gathered all the congregation against them, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

<sup>20</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>21</sup>Separate yourselves from among this congregation, so that I may devour them in a moment. <sup>22</sup>And they fell upon their faces and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and will You be angry with all the congregation? <sup>23</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>24</sup>Speak to the congregation saying, Get away from the tent of Korah and Dathan and Abiram. <sup>25</sup>And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram. And the elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup>And he spoke to the congregation, saying, I pray you, get away from the tents of these wicked men. And touch nothing of theirs lest you be destroyed in all their sins. <sup>27</sup>So they got away from the tent of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, on every side. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little sons. <sup>28</sup>And Moses said, By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, *and* that not from my own heart. <sup>29</sup>If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited according to the examination of all men, the LORD has not sent me. <sup>30</sup>But if the LORD makes a new thing, and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them up with all that they have, and they go down alive into the pit, then you shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And it happened, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. <sup>32</sup>And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men who *were* for Korah, and all their goods. <sup>33</sup>They and all that they had went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them. And they perished from among the congregation. <sup>34</sup>And all Israel around them fled at their cry. For they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. <sup>35</sup>And there came out a fire from the LORD and burned up the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense.

<sup>36</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>37</sup>Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire yonder. For they are holy. <sup>38</sup>The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them into broad plates, a covering for the altar; for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are made holy. And they shall be a sign to the sons of Israel. <sup>39</sup>And Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, the ones with which those who had been burned up had offered, and they were made into

broad plates, a covering of the altar, <sup>40</sup>a memorial to the sons of Israel, that no stranger not of the seed of Aaron may come near to offer incense before the LORD, so that he may not be as Korah and as his company — as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

<sup>41</sup>But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron saying, You have killed the people of the LORD. <sup>42</sup>And it happened when the congregation was gathered together against Moses and against Aaron, they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation. And behold! The cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. <sup>43</sup>And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>44</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>45</sup>Get away from this congregation so that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. <sup>46</sup>And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly to the congregation and make an atonement for them. For wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun. <sup>47</sup>And Aaron did as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the congregation. And behold! The plague had begun among the people. And he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. <sup>48</sup>And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed. <sup>49</sup>And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand, seven hundred, besides the ones who died about the matter of Korah. <sup>50</sup>And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the plague was stayed.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, and take a rod from each of them for a father's house, of all their rulers, for the house of their fathers, twelve rods. Write every man's name upon his rod. <sup>3</sup>And you shall write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi. For one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers. <sup>4</sup>And you shall lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be, the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall blossom. And I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the sons of Israel by which they murmur against you. <sup>6</sup>And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and every one of their rulers gave him a rod for each ruler, for their fathers' house, twelve rods. And the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

<sup>7</sup>And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. <sup>8</sup>And it happened on the next day Moses went into the tabernacle of witness. And behold! The rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded and had brought forth buds, and had bloomed, and had yielded almonds. <sup>9</sup>And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD to all the sons of Israel. And they looked, and each one took his rod.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept as a token against the rebels. And you shall completely take away their murmurings from Me so that they do not die. <sup>11</sup>And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, so he did.

<sup>12</sup>And the sons of Israel spoke to Moses saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish. <sup>13</sup>Whoever comes near the tabernacle of the LORD shall die. Shall we be consumed to die?

#### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Aaron, You and your sons, and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary. And you and your sons with you

shall bear the iniquity of the priesthood. <sup>2</sup>And bring your brothers also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father with you, so that they may be joined to you and minister to you, you and your sons with you, before the tabernacle of witness. <sup>3</sup>And they shall keep your charge and the charge of all the tabernacle. Only they shall not come near the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, so that neither they nor you also may die. <sup>4</sup>And they shall be joined to you, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle. And a stranger shall not come near you. <sup>5</sup>And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary and the charge of the altar, so that there may be no wrath any more upon the sons of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the sons of Israel. They are given to you *as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you and your sons with you shall keep your priests' office for everything of the altar and inside the veil. And you shall serve. I have given your priest's office as a service of gift. And the stranger that comes near shall be put to death.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to Aaron, Behold, I have also given you the charge of My heave offerings of all the holy things of the sons of Israel. I have given them to you for the anointing, and to your sons, by an ordinance forever. <sup>9</sup>This shall be yours of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire, every sacrifice of theirs, every food offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall give Me. These are most holy for you and for your sons. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat it in the holy of holies. Every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you. <sup>11</sup>And this is yours, the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel. I have given them to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you, by a statute forever. Everyone that is clean in your house shall eat it. <sup>12</sup>All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them which they shall offer to the LORD, I have given them to you. <sup>13</sup>The first fruits of all that is in the land, which they shall bring to the LORD, shall be yours. Everyone that is clean in your house shall eat of it. <sup>14</sup>Everything devoted in Israel shall be yours. <sup>15</sup>Everything that opens the womb in all flesh, which they bring to the LORD, of men or animals, shall be yours. Nevertheless, the first-born of man you shall surely redeem, and the first-born of unclean animals you shall redeem. <sup>16</sup>And those that are to be redeemed from a month old you shall redeem, according to your judgment for the money of five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. <sup>17</sup>But the first-born of a cow, or the first-born of a sheep, or the first-born of a goat, you shall not redeem. They *are* holy. You shall sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shall burn their fat, an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And their flesh shall be yours, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are yours. <sup>19</sup>All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given you and your sons and your daughters with you, by a law forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD to you and to your seed with you.

<sup>20</sup>And the LORD said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any part among them. I *am* your part and your inheritance among the sons of Israel. <sup>21</sup>And behold, I have given the sons of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>22</sup>Neither must the sons of Israel come near the tabernacle of the congregation from now on, lest they bear sin and die. <sup>23</sup>But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity, a statute forever throughout your generations, that among the sons of Israel they have no inheritance. <sup>24</sup>But the tithes of the sons of Israel, which they offer *as* a heave offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit.

Therefore I have said to them, Among the sons of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

<sup>25</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>26</sup>And you shall speak to the Levites, and you shall say to them, When you take tithes from the sons of Israel, which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it for the LORD, a tenth of the tithe. <sup>27</sup>And your heave offering shall be credited to you as grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fullness of the wine-press. <sup>28</sup>So you also shall offer a heave offering to the LORD of all your tithes which you receive from the sons of Israel. And you shall give from it the LORD's offering to Aaron the priest. <sup>29</sup>Out of all your gifts you shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best of it, the holy part of it out of it. <sup>30</sup>And you shall say to them, When you have lifted up the best of it, then it shall be credited to the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press. <sup>31</sup>And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households. For it *is* your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>32</sup>And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. Neither shall you defile the holy things of the sons of Israel, lest you die.

### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron saying, <sup>2</sup>*This is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you a red heifer, a perfect one, in which there is no blemish, on which no yoke ever came. <sup>3</sup>And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest that he may bring it forth outside the camp. And he shall kill her before his face. <sup>4</sup>And Eleazar the priest shall take of its blood with his finger and sprinkle of its blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times. <sup>5</sup>And he shall burn the heifer in his sight, its skin and its flesh and its blood with its dung, he shall burn. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall take cedar-wood and hyssop and scarlet, and throw *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer. <sup>7</sup>Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water. And afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>8</sup>And he who burns her shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. <sup>9</sup>And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay up outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the sons of Israel for a water of separation. It is a cleansing for sin.

<sup>10</sup>And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. And it shall be to the sons of Israel, and to the stranger that lives among them, for a statute forever.

<sup>11</sup>He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. <sup>12</sup>He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. <sup>13</sup>Whoever touches the dead body of any man that is dead, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness *is* still upon him.

<sup>14</sup>*This is* the law when a man dies in a tent. All that come into the tent, and all in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. <sup>15</sup>And every open vessel which has no covering bound upon it, it *is* unclean. <sup>16</sup>And whoever touches one that is killed with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. <sup>17</sup>And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of cleansing for sin, and running water shall be put to it in a vessel. <sup>18</sup>And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip in the water, and sprinkle upon

the tent and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one killed, or one dead, or a grave. <sup>19</sup>And the clean *person* shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day. And on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water. And he shall be clean at evening. <sup>20</sup>But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of separation has not been sprinkled upon him. He *is* unclean. <sup>21</sup>And it shall be a perpetual law to them, that he who sprinkles the water of separation shall wash his clothes. And he that touches the water of separation shall be unclean until evening. <sup>22</sup>And whatever the unclean touches shall be unclean. And the soul who touches shall be unclean until evening.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>Then the sons of Israel came, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month. And the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. <sup>2</sup>And there was no water for the congregation. And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. <sup>3</sup>And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before the LORD! <sup>4</sup>And why have you brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, so that we and our cattle should die there? <sup>5</sup>And why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of seed or of figs or of vines or of pomegranates. And there is no water to drink. <sup>6</sup>And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>8</sup>Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes. And it shall give forth its water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock. So you shall give the congregation and their animals drink. <sup>9</sup>And Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. <sup>10</sup>And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now you rebels. Must we bring water for you out of this rock? <sup>11</sup>And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice. And the water came out plentifully, and the congregation and their animals drank. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

<sup>13</sup>These *are* the Waters of Strife, because the sons of Israel fought with the LORD, and He showed Himself holy among them.

<sup>14</sup>And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, so says your brother Israel, You know all the trouble that has happened to us, <sup>15</sup>how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have lived in Egypt a long time. And the Egyptians troubled us and our fathers. <sup>16</sup>And when we cried to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent an Angel, and has brought us forth out of Egypt. And behold! We *are* in Kadesh, a city in the outermost part of your border. <sup>17</sup>Let us pass, I pray you, through your country. We will not pass through the fields, nor through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells. We will go by the king's highway. We will not turn to the right hand nor to the left until we have passed your borders. <sup>18</sup>And Edom said to him, You shall not pass by me, lest I come out against you with the sword. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Israel said to him, We will go by the highway. And if I and my cattle drink of your water, then I will pay for it. Without

doing anything, I will only go through on my feet. <sup>20</sup>And he said, You shall not go through. And Edom came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. <sup>21</sup>So Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border. Therefore Israel turned away from him.

<sup>22</sup>And the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, moved from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying, <sup>24</sup>Aaron shall be gathered to his people. For he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the Waters of Strife. <sup>25</sup>Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor. <sup>26</sup>And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall die there. <sup>27</sup>And Moses did as the LORD commanded. And they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. <sup>28</sup>And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there in the top of the mount. And Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. <sup>29</sup>And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, all the house of Israel.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the south, heard that Israel came by the way of the spies, then he fought against Israel and took prisoners of them. <sup>2</sup>And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will completely destroy their cities. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites. And they completely destroyed them and their cities. And he called the name of the place Hormah.

<sup>4</sup>And they moved from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people was very discouraged because of the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no bread, neither is there any water. And our soul hates this light bread. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people. And many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole. And it shall be when anyone sees it, he shall live. <sup>9</sup>And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole. And it happened that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked upon the serpent of brass, he lived.

<sup>10</sup>And the sons of Israel went forward and pitched in Oboth. <sup>11</sup>And they moved from Oboth and pitched at Ije-abarim in the wilderness before Moab, toward the sunrise. <sup>12</sup>From there they moved and pitched in the valley of Zered. <sup>13</sup>From there they moved and pitched on the other side of Arnon, in the wilderness that comes out of the borders of the Amorites; for Arnon *is* in the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. <sup>14</sup>Therefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, what He did in the Red Sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, <sup>15</sup>and at the stream of the brooks that goes down to the dwelling of Ar and lies upon the border of Moab. <sup>16</sup>And from there *they* went to Beer. That is the well of which the LORD spoke to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

<sup>17</sup>Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well. Sing to it. <sup>18</sup>The rulers dug the well, the nobles of the people dug it, with the scepter and with their staves, *at the word of the Lawgiver.*

And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah,<sup>19</sup> and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bemoth,<sup>20</sup> and from Bemoth *in* the valley, in the country of Moab, they worked to the top of Pisgah, which looks toward the wilderness.

<sup>21</sup>And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, <sup>22</sup>Let me pass through your land. We will not turn into the fields or into the vineyards. We will not drink the waters of the well. We will go along by the king's highway until we are past your borders. <sup>23</sup>And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border. But Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel in the wilderness. And *he* came to Jahaz and fought against Israel. <sup>24</sup>And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword and possessed his land from Arnon to Jabbok, even to the sons of Ammon. For the border of the sons of Ammon *was* strong. <sup>25</sup>And Israel took all these cities. And Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites in Heshbon, and in all its villages. <sup>26</sup>For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, even to Arnon. <sup>27</sup>Therefore they who speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon. Let the city of Sihon be built and prepared. <sup>28</sup>For there has gone out a fire from Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon. It has consumed Ar of Moab, the lords of the high places of Arnon. <sup>29</sup>Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons to be runaways, and his daughters to go into captivity, to Sihon king of the Amorites. <sup>30</sup>We have cast them down. Heshbon has perished even to Dibon, and we have laid them waste even to Nophah which *is* to Medeba.

<sup>31</sup>So Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

<sup>32</sup>And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages of it and drove out the Amorites there. <sup>33</sup>And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. <sup>34</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon. <sup>35</sup>So they struck him and his sons and all his people, until there was none left him alive. And they possessed his land.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Israel went forward and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan *by* Jericho.

<sup>2</sup>And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. <sup>3</sup>And Moab was much afraid of the people because they *were* many. And Moab was worried because of the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now this company is licking up all around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at that time. <sup>5</sup>He sent messengers therefore to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold! A people come out from Egypt. Behold! They cover the face of the earth, and they are staying across from me. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, I pray you, come now and curse this people for me. For they *are* too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail so that we may strike them, and so that I may drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless *is* blessed, and he whom you curse *is* cursed.

<sup>7</sup>And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian moved with the rewards of divination in their hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke the words of Balak to him. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, stay here tonight, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak to me. And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

<sup>9</sup>And God came to Balaam and said, What men are these with you? <sup>10</sup>And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, *saying*, <sup>11</sup>Behold! A people has come out of Egypt which covers the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for me. Perhaps, I shall be able to overcome them and drive them out. <sup>12</sup>And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they *are* blessed. <sup>13</sup>And Balaam rose up in the morning and said to the leaders of Balak, Go into your land, for the LORD refuses to let me go with you.

<sup>14</sup>And the leaders of Moab rose up. And they went to Balak and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

<sup>15</sup>And Balak sent leaders again, more and more honorable than those. <sup>16</sup>And they came to Balaam and said to him, So says Balak the son of Zippor, Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me. <sup>17</sup>For I will raise you up to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me. Please come then and curse this people for me. <sup>18</sup>And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. <sup>19</sup>But please now stay here also this night so that I may know what more the LORD will say to me. <sup>20</sup>And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, go with them. But still, the word which I shall say to you, that you shall do. <sup>21</sup>And Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his ass, and went with the rulers of Moab.

<sup>22</sup>And God's anger was kindled because he went. And the Angel of the LORD stood in the way as an enemy against him. And he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants with him. <sup>23</sup>And the ass saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand. And the ass turned aside out of the way and went into the field. And Balaam struck the ass, to turn her into the way. <sup>24</sup>But the Angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall on this side, and a wall on that side. <sup>25</sup>And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself into the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. And he struck her again. <sup>26</sup>And the Angel of the LORD went further and stood in a narrow place, where there *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. <sup>27</sup>And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff. <sup>28</sup>And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have beaten me these three times? <sup>29</sup>And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you. <sup>30</sup>And the ass said to Balaam, *Am* I not your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since *I was* yours, to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you? And he said, No. <sup>31</sup>Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand. And he bowed down his head, and fell on his face. <sup>32</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to him, Why have you beaten your ass these three times? Behold! I went out to be an enemy to you, because *your* way is perverse before Me. <sup>33</sup>And the ass saw Me and turned from Me these three times. Unless she had turned from Me, surely now I also would have killed you and saved her alive. <sup>34</sup>And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, I have sinned. For I did not know that You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will go back again. <sup>35</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, Go with the men. But only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.

<sup>36</sup>And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him, to a city of Moab, in the border of Arnon, which is in the outermost border. <sup>37</sup>And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not earnestly send to you to call you? Why did you



not come to me? Am I not able indeed to lift you up to honor? <sup>38</sup>And Balaam said to Balak, Lo, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak. <sup>39</sup>And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath-huzoth. <sup>40</sup>And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam and to the leaders that were with him. <sup>41</sup>And it happened on the next day Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Baal, so that from there he might see the edge of the people.

### CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare here seven oxen and seven rams for me. <sup>2</sup>And Balak did as Balaam had spoken. And Balak and Balaam offered on the altar a bull and a ram. <sup>3</sup>And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps the LORD will come to meet me. And whatever He shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place. <sup>4</sup>And God met Balaam. And he said to Him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon the altar a bull and a ram. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, Return to Balak, and so you shall speak. <sup>6</sup>And he returned to him. And lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he and all the leaders of Moab. <sup>7</sup>And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel. <sup>8</sup>How shall I curse him whom God has not cursed? Or how shall I defy him whom the LORD has not defied? <sup>9</sup>For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him. Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be counted among the nations. <sup>10</sup>Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! <sup>11</sup>And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have kept on blessing them! <sup>12</sup>And he answered and said, Must I not be careful to speak that which the LORD has put in my mouth?

<sup>13</sup>And Balak said to him, Please come with me to another place from where you may see them. You shall see only its edge, and shall not see them all. And curse them from there for me. <sup>14</sup>And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on every altar. <sup>15</sup>And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet *Him* yonder. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak and say this. <sup>17</sup>And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, What has the LORD spoken? <sup>18</sup>And he took up his parable and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear. Listen to me, son of Zippor. <sup>19</sup>God *is* not a man that He should lie, neither is He the son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do *it*? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good? <sup>20</sup>Behold, I have received *word* to bless. And He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. <sup>21</sup>He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, neither has He seen perverseness in Israel. The LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king among them. <sup>22</sup>God brought them out of Egypt. He has, as it were, the strength of an ox. <sup>23</sup>Surely, *there is* no spell against Jacob, nor any fortune-telling against Israel. According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What God has worked! <sup>24</sup>Behold, the people shall rise up like a great lion, and lift up himself like a young lion. He shall not lie down until he eats of the prey and drinks the blood of the slain. <sup>25</sup>And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all nor bless them at all. <sup>26</sup>But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the LORD speaks, that I must do? <sup>27</sup>And Balak said to Balaam, Please, come. I will bring you into another

place. Perhaps it will please God that you will curse them for me from there. <sup>28</sup>And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor that looks toward Jeshimon. <sup>29</sup>And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars here for me, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams here for me. <sup>30</sup>And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on the altar.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, and he did not go, as at other times, to seek for secret arts, but he set his face toward the wilderness. <sup>2</sup>And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel pitched, according to their tribes. And the Spirit of God came upon him. <sup>3</sup>And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor has said, and the man whose eyes are open has said; <sup>4</sup>he has said; he who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down but having his eyes open; <sup>5</sup>How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your tabernacles, O Israel! <sup>6</sup>They are spread forth like the valleys, like gardens by the river's side, like the trees of aloes which the LORD has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. <sup>7</sup>He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters. And his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. <sup>8</sup>God brought him forth out of Egypt. He has as it were the strength of an ox. He shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through *with* his arrows. <sup>9</sup>He crouched. He lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he who blesses you, and cursed he who curses you.

<sup>10</sup>And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam. And he struck his hands together. And Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have kept on blessing these three times. <sup>11</sup>Therefore now flee to your place. I thought to lift you up to great honor, but lo, the LORD has kept you back from honor. <sup>12</sup>And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, <sup>13</sup>If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the mouth of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own mind. What the LORD said, that I will speak. <sup>14</sup>And now, behold, I go to my people. Come! I will make known to you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days. <sup>15</sup>And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor has said, and the man whose eyes are open has said; <sup>16</sup>he has said, he who heard the words of God and knew the knowledge of the Most High, *who* sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down but having his eyes open; <sup>17</sup>I shall see him, but not now. I shall behold him, but not near. There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel. and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult. <sup>18</sup>And Edom shall be a possession. Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies. And Israel shall do valiantly. <sup>19</sup>Out of Jacob shall come He who shall have dominion and shall destroy him who remains of the city.

<sup>20</sup>And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable and said, Amalek was the first of the nations. But his latter end is to destruction. <sup>21</sup>And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable and said, Strong is your dwelling-place, and you put your nest in a rock. <sup>22</sup>But the Kenites shall be wasted until Assyria shall carry you away captive.

<sup>23</sup>And he took up his parable and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this! <sup>24</sup>And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Assyria and *shall* afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

<sup>25</sup>And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place. And Balak also went his way.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And Israel lived in Shittim, and the people began to fornicate with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup>And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>And Israel joined himself to Baal-peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. <sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal-peor. <sup>6</sup>And behold! One of the sons of Israel came and brought to his brothers a woman of Midian, before the eyes of Moses, and before all the congregation of the sons of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>7</sup>And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, *he* rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman, through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the sons of Israel. <sup>9</sup>And those that died in the plague *were* twenty-four thousand.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>11</sup>Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the sons of Israel while he was zealous for My sake among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy. <sup>12</sup>Therefore say, Behold! I give him My covenant of peace. <sup>13</sup>And he shall have it, and his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the sons of Israel. <sup>14</sup>And the name of the Israelite who was killed, he who was struck with the woman of Midian, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, ruler of a chief house of the Simeonites. <sup>15</sup>And the Midianite woman's name who was killed *was* Cosbi, the daughter of Zur. He was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>17</sup>Trouble the Midianites and strike them. <sup>18</sup>For they trouble you with their lies, with which they have deceived you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi the daughter of a ruler of Midian, their sister, who was stricken in the day of the plague because of Peor.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the plague, the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saying, <sup>2</sup>Take the sum of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel. <sup>3</sup>And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside Jordan at Jericho, saying, <sup>4</sup>Count the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, who came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>5</sup>Reuben, the first-born of Israel, the sons of Reuben, Hanoch of whom comes the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu the family of the Palluites; <sup>6</sup>of Hezron the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites — <sup>7</sup>these *are* the families of the Reubenites. And were their numbered ones, forty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Pallu were Eliab. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Eliab, Nemuel, and Dathan and Abiram. This *is* that Dathan and Abiram who were famous in the congregation, who fought against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they fought against the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men. And they became a sign. <sup>11</sup>However the sons of Korah did not die.

<sup>12</sup>The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; <sup>13</sup>of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites — <sup>14</sup>these *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand, two hundred. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; <sup>16</sup>of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; <sup>17</sup>of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites — <sup>18</sup>these *are* the families of the sons of Gad by their numbered ones, forty thousand and five hundred.

<sup>19</sup>The sons of Judah: Er and Onan. And Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. <sup>20</sup>And the sons of Judah according to their families: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Pharez: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites — <sup>22</sup>these *are* the families of Judah by their numbered ones, seventy-six thousand and five hundred.

<sup>23</sup>The sons of Issachar, according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites; <sup>24</sup>of Jashub the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites — <sup>25</sup>these *are* the families of Issachar by their numbered ones, sixty-four thousand and three hundred.

<sup>26</sup>The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleecites — <sup>27</sup>these are the families of the Zebulunites by their numbered ones, sixty thousand, five hundred.

<sup>28</sup>The sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>29</sup>The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites. And Machir fathered Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites — <sup>30</sup>these *are* the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites. <sup>31</sup>And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; <sup>32</sup>and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hepherites. <sup>33</sup>And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah — <sup>34</sup>these are the families of Manasseh, by their numbered ones, fifty-two thousand, seven hundred.

<sup>35</sup>These *are* the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites — <sup>36</sup>And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites — <sup>37</sup>these are the families of the sons of Ephraim by their numbered ones, thirty-two thousand, five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

<sup>38</sup>The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; <sup>39</sup>of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites; <sup>40</sup>And the sons of Bela *were* Ard and Naaman. *Of Ard*, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites — <sup>41</sup>these *are* the sons of Benjamin according to their families, and their numbered ones, forty-five thousand, six hundred.

<sup>42</sup>These *are* the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the families of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families. <sup>43</sup>All the families of the Shuhamites, by their numbered ones, sixty-four thousand, four hundred.

<sup>44</sup>Of the sons of Asher according to their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. <sup>45</sup>Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. <sup>46</sup>And the name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah. <sup>47</sup>These are the families of the sons of Asher by their numbered ones, fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

<sup>48</sup>The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; <sup>49</sup>Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. <sup>50</sup>These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families, by their numbered ones, forty-five thousand, four hundred.

<sup>51</sup>These were the numbered ones of the sons of Israel, six hundred one thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

<sup>52</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>53</sup>To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. <sup>54</sup>To many you shall give the more inheritance, and to few you shall give the less inheritance; each by the mouth of his numbered ones shall be given his inheritance. <sup>55</sup>But the land shall be divided by lot. According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. <sup>56</sup>According to the lot shall the possession of it be divided between many and few.

<sup>57</sup>And these *are* the numbered ones of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. <sup>58</sup>These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites; the family of the Korathites.

And Korah fathered Amram. <sup>59</sup>And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *one* bore to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. <sup>60</sup>And to Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazer, and Ithamar. <sup>61</sup>And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD. <sup>62</sup>And their numbered ones, twenty-three thousand, all males from a month old and upward. For they were not numbered among the sons of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the sons of Israel.

<sup>63</sup>These are those numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside Jordan at Jericho. <sup>64</sup>But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>65</sup>For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not a man left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh, the son of Joseph. And these *are* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup>And they stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest, and before the rulers and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, <sup>3</sup>Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died in his own sin, and had no sons. <sup>4</sup>Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he has no son? Therefore give us a possession among the brothers of our father. <sup>5</sup>And Moses brought their cause before the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

<sup>7</sup>The daughters of Zelophehad speak right. You shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers. And you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. <sup>8</sup>And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, When a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. <sup>9</sup>And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. <sup>10</sup>And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. <sup>11</sup>And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it. And it shall be to the sons of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Get up into this Mount Abarim and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aaron your brother was gathered. <sup>14</sup>For you rebelled against My command in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify Me at the water before their eyes — they were the Waters of Strife in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

<sup>15</sup>And Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, <sup>16</sup>Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation <sup>17</sup>who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep which have no shepherd. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him. <sup>19</sup>And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge in their sight. <sup>20</sup>And you shall put of your honor on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may be obedient. <sup>21</sup>And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask for him according to the judgment of Urim before the LORD. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation. <sup>22</sup>And Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. <sup>23</sup>And he laid his hands upon him and gave him a charge, even as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Command the sons of Israel, and say to them, My offering and My bread for My sacrifices made by fire, a sweet savor to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me in their due season. <sup>3</sup>And you shall say to them, This is the fire offering which you shall offer to the LORD: two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, a continual burnt offering. <sup>4</sup>The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at evening. <sup>5</sup>And a tenth of an ephah of flour for a food offering, mixed with the fourth of a hin of beaten oil. <sup>6</sup>It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai for a sweet savor, a fire offering to the LORD, <sup>7</sup>and its drink offering shall be the fourth of a hin for the one lamb. Pour a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD in the holy place. <sup>8</sup>And the other lamb you shall offer between the evenings, even as the food offering of the morning, and as its drink offering, you shall offer it, a fire offering, a sweet savor to the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And on the sabbath day two rams of the first year without spot, and two-tenth deals of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering; <sup>10</sup>this is the burnt offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

<sup>11</sup>And in the beginning of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot,

<sup>12</sup>and three tenth deals of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, for one bull, and two-tenth deals of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, for one ram; <sup>13</sup>and a separate tenth deal of flour mixed with oil for a food offering to one lamb, for a burnt offering of a sweet savor, a fire offering to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine to a bull, and the third of a hin to a ram, and a fourth a hin to a lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. <sup>15</sup>And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

<sup>16</sup>And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast. Seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. <sup>18</sup>In the first day *shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no kind of laboring work. <sup>19</sup>But you shall offer a fire offering for a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year. They shall be to you without blemish. <sup>20</sup>And their food offering *shall be of* flour mixed with oil: three tenth deals you shall offer for a bull, and two tenth deals for a ram. <sup>21</sup>You shall prepare one tenth part for the one lamb, and for the seven lambs; <sup>22</sup>and one goat, a sin offering to make an atonement for you. <sup>23</sup>You shall offer these besides the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering. <sup>24</sup>In this way you shall offer daily, seven days, the bread of the fire offering, a sweet savor to the LORD. It shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. <sup>25</sup>And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. <sup>26</sup>And in the day of the first-fruits, when you bring a new food offering to the LORD in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. <sup>27</sup>And you shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savor to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven lambs of the first year <sup>28</sup>and their food offering of flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals to one bull, two tenth deals to one ram, <sup>29</sup>one tenth deal to one lamb, for the seven lambs, <sup>30</sup>one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you. <sup>31</sup>You shall offer them besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering and their drink offerings. They shall be to you without blemish.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And in the seventh month, on the first of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. It is a day of blowing the trumpets to you. <sup>2</sup>And you shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savor to the LORD: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish. <sup>3</sup>And their food offering *shall be* flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals for a bull, two tenth deals for a ram, <sup>4</sup>and one tenth deal for one lamb, for the seven lambs, <sup>5</sup>and one kid of the goats for a sin offering to make an atonement for you; <sup>6</sup>besides the burnt offering of the month, and its food offering, and the daily burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a sweet savor, a fire offering to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>And you shall have a holy convocation on the tenth of this seventh month. And you shall afflict your souls. You shall not do any work. <sup>8</sup>But you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD for a sweet savor: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year. They shall be to you without blemish. <sup>9</sup>And their food offering *shall be* flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals to a bull, two tenth deals to one ram, <sup>10</sup>one tenth part for the one lamb, for the seven lambs; <sup>11</sup>one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the sin offering of atonement and the continual burnt offering and the food offering of it, and their drink offerings.

<sup>12</sup>And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work, and you shall keep a feast to the

LORD seven days. <sup>13</sup>And you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering, of a sweet savor to the LORD: thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year. They shall be without blemish. <sup>14</sup>And their food offering *shall be* flour, mixed with oil, three tenth deals to every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams, <sup>15</sup>and one tenth deal to each of the fourteen lambs; <sup>16</sup>and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering. <sup>17</sup>And on the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot; <sup>18</sup>and their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>19</sup>and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering, and their drink offerings. <sup>20</sup>And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. <sup>21</sup>And their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>22</sup>and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering and its drink offering. <sup>23</sup>And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. <sup>24</sup>Their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>25</sup>and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering. <sup>26</sup>And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot. <sup>27</sup>And their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>28</sup>and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering and its drink offering. <sup>29</sup>And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish; <sup>30</sup>and their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>31</sup>and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering. <sup>32</sup>And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish; <sup>33</sup>and their food offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law; <sup>34</sup>and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering.

<sup>35</sup>On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly. You shall do no laboring work. <sup>36</sup>But you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering of a sweet savor to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish; <sup>37</sup>their food offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the law; <sup>38</sup>and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering and its drink offering. <sup>39</sup>You shall prepare these to the LORD in your appointed seasons, besides your vows and your free-will offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your food offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings. <sup>40</sup>And Moses told the sons of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the sons of Israel, saying, *This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:* <sup>2</sup>If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that comes out of his mouth. <sup>3</sup>If a woman



also vows a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth, <sup>4</sup>and if her father hears her vow and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and if her father is silent as to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. <sup>5</sup>But if her father does not allow her in the day that he hears, not any of her vows or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. And the LORD shall forgive her because her father did not allow her. <sup>6</sup>And if she had a husband when she vowed, or if she said anything rash out of her lips with which she bound her soul, <sup>7</sup>and if her husband heard and is silent as to her in the day that he heard it, then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she bound her soul shall stand. <sup>8</sup>But if her husband did not allow her on the day that he heard it, then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, with which she bound her soul, of no effect. And the LORD shall forgive her. <sup>9</sup>But every vow of a widow and of her who is divorced, all which she has bound on her soul shall stand against her. <sup>10</sup>And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, <sup>11</sup>and if her husband heard and is silent as to her, and did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. <sup>12</sup>But if her husband has certainly broken them on the day he heard, whatever comes out of her lips, concerning her vows or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand. Her husband has broken them. And the LORD shall forgive her.

<sup>13</sup>Every vow and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may break it. <sup>14</sup>But if her husband is altogether silent as to her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows or all her bonds which are upon her. He confirms them, because he *was* silent as to her in the day that he heard. <sup>15</sup>But if he at all breaks them after he has heard, then he shall take away her iniquity.

<sup>16</sup>These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>Avenge the sons of Israel from the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people. <sup>3</sup>And Moses spoke to the people saying, Arm some of yourselves to the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD from Midian. <sup>4</sup>You shall send to the war a thousand from every tribe, throughout all the tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>So they were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. <sup>6</sup>And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe. He sent them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments and the trumpets to blow in his hand. <sup>7</sup>And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses. And they killed all the males. <sup>8</sup>And they killed the kings of Midian, besides the rest of them that were killed. They killed: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Iba, five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Israel took all the women of Midian captive, and their little ones, and the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. <sup>10</sup>And they burned with fire all their cities, their homes, and all their towers. <sup>11</sup>And they took all the spoil and all the prey of men and animals. <sup>12</sup>And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are beside* Jordan, at Jericho.

<sup>13</sup>And Moses and Eleazar the priest, and all the rulers of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the camp. <sup>14</sup>And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, who came from the battle. <sup>15</sup>And Moses said to them, Have you saved all the women alive? <sup>16</sup>Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit sin against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and the plague was on the congregation of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>And now kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that has known man by lying with him. <sup>18</sup>But all the female children that have not known *a man* by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. <sup>19</sup>And stay outside the camp seven days. Whosoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any dead one, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day. <sup>20</sup>And purify all clothing, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

<sup>21</sup>And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>22</sup>Only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, <sup>23</sup>everything that can stand the fire, you shall make go through the fire, and it shall be clean. Only it shall be purified with the water of separation. And all that cannot stand the fire you shall make go through the water. <sup>24</sup>And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean, and afterwards you shall come into the camp.

<sup>25</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>26</sup>Count the prey that was taken of man and of animal, you and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers of the congregation. <sup>27</sup>And divide the prey into two parts: between those who took the war upon themselves, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation. <sup>28</sup>And levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, of the persons and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep. <sup>29</sup>Take from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest, a heave offering to the LORD. <sup>30</sup>And from the sons of Israel's half you shall take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, of the flocks, of all kinds of animals, and give them to the Levites who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>32</sup>And the prize, the rest of the spoil which the men of war had captured, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, <sup>33</sup>seventy-two thousand beef cattle, <sup>34</sup>sixty-one thousand asses, <sup>35</sup>and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known *a man* by lying with a male. <sup>36</sup>And the half, the portion of those who went out to war, the number of the flock was three hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred; <sup>37</sup>and the LORD's tax of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five. <sup>38</sup>And the beef cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tax was seventy-two. <sup>39</sup>And the asses, thirty thousand, five hundred, of which the LORD's tax was sixty-one. <sup>40</sup>And the persons were sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tax was thirty-two persons. <sup>41</sup>And Moses gave the tax, the LORD's heave offering, to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>42</sup>And of the sons of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men who warred; <sup>43</sup>even the congregation's half was three hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred sheep, <sup>44</sup>and thirty-six thousand beef cattle, <sup>45</sup>and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, <sup>46</sup>and sixteen thousand persons; <sup>47</sup>even of the sons of Israel's half, Moses took one portion in fifty, of man and of animal, and gave them to the Levites who kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>48</sup>And the officers who were over thousands of the army, over the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, came near Moses. <sup>49</sup>And they said to Moses, Your servants have counted the men of war who are under our charge, and there

is not one man of us lacking. <sup>50</sup>And we bring an offering for the LORD, what every man has found, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD. <sup>51</sup>And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all crafted things. <sup>52</sup>And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty shekels. <sup>53</sup>For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself. <sup>54</sup>And Moses and Eleazar took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle. And when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, behold, the place was a place *for* cattle. <sup>2</sup>And came the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to the rulers of the congregation, saying, <sup>3</sup>Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, <sup>4</sup>the land which the LORD struck before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and your servants *have* cattle. <sup>5</sup>And, they said, If we have found grace in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not bring us over Jordan. <sup>6</sup>And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, and shall you sit here? <sup>7</sup>And why do you break the heart of the sons of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them? <sup>8</sup>So your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. <sup>9</sup>For when they went up into the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they broke the hearts of the sons of Israel, so that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and He swore, saying, <sup>11</sup>Surely, none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and up, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not fully followed Me, <sup>12</sup>except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have fully followed the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years until all the generation which had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed. <sup>14</sup>And behold, you are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to add still more to the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. <sup>15</sup>For if you turn away from after Him, He will yet again leave them in the wilderness. And you shall destroy all this people.

<sup>16</sup>And they came near to him and said, We will build sheep-folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones, <sup>17</sup>but we ourselves will go ready armed before the sons of Israel until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fenced cities because of those who live in the land. <sup>18</sup>We will not return to our houses until the sons of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. <sup>19</sup>For we will not inherit with them on the other side of Jordan, or forward, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of Jordan, eastward. <sup>20</sup>And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will go armed before the LORD to war, <sup>21</sup>and all of you will go armed over Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him, <sup>22</sup>and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterwards you shall return and be guiltless before the LORD and before Israel. And this land shall be your possession before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD. And be sure your sin will find you out. <sup>24</sup>Build cities for your little ones and folds

for your sheep, and do that which has come out of your mouth.<sup>25</sup> And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands.<sup>26</sup> Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead.<sup>27</sup> But your servants will go over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord says.<sup>28</sup> So Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel regarding them.<sup>29</sup> And Moses said to them, If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben will go with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle before the LORD, and the land shall be humbled before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession.<sup>30</sup> But if they will not go over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.<sup>31</sup> And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.<sup>32</sup> We will go over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, so that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be ours.<sup>33</sup> And Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, and to the half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its cities in the borders, the cities of the land all around.

<sup>34</sup>And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer.<sup>35</sup> And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,<sup>36</sup> and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fortified cities. And they built folds for sheep.<sup>37</sup> And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjath-aim,<sup>38</sup> and Nebo, and Baal-meon (their names being changed) and Shibmah, and they gave other names to the cities which they built.<sup>39</sup> And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and put out the Amorite which was in it.<sup>40</sup> And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.<sup>41</sup> And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns of it, and called them Havoth-Jair.<sup>42</sup> And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>These *are* the journeys of the sons of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.<sup>2</sup> And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the command of the LORD. And these are their journeys according to their starting-places.<sup>3</sup> And they moved from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.<sup>4</sup> For the Egyptians buried all *their* first-born whom the LORD had stricken among them. The LORD also executed judgments upon their gods.<sup>5</sup> And the sons of Israel moved from Rameses and pitched in Succoth.<sup>6</sup> And they moved from Succoth and pitched in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.<sup>7</sup> And they moved from Etham and turned again to Pihahiroth which *is* in front of Baal-zephon. And they pitched in front of Migdol.<sup>8</sup> And they moved from before Pihahiroth and passed through the middle of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Maah.<sup>9</sup> And they moved from Marah and came to Elim. And in Elim were twelve fountains of water — and seventy palm trees. And they pitched there.<sup>10</sup> And they moved from Elim and pitched by the Red Sea.<sup>11</sup> And they moved from the Red Sea and pitched in the wilderness of Sin.<sup>12</sup> And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin and pitched in Dophkah.<sup>13</sup> And they moved from Dophkah and pitched in Alush.<sup>14</sup> And they moved from Alush and pitched at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.<sup>15</sup> And they moved from Rephidim and pitched in the wilderness of Sinal.<sup>16</sup> And they moved from the wilderness of

Sinai and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah.<sup>17</sup> And they moved from Kibroth-hattaavah and pitched at Hazeroth.<sup>18</sup> And they moved from Hazeroth and pitched in Rithmah.<sup>19</sup> And they moved from Rithmah and pitched at Rimmon-parez.<sup>20</sup> And they moved from Rimmon-parez and pitched in Libnah.<sup>21</sup> And they moved from Libnah and pitched at Rissah.<sup>22</sup> And they journeyed from Rissah and pitched in Kehelathah.<sup>23</sup> And they went from Kehelathah and pitched in Mount Shapher.<sup>24</sup> And they moved from Mount Shapher and pitched in Haradah.<sup>25</sup> And they moved from Haradah and pitched in Makheloth.<sup>26</sup> And they moved from Makheloth and pitched at Tahath.<sup>27</sup> And they moved from Tahath and pitched at Tarah.<sup>28</sup> And they removed from Tarah and pitched in Mithcah.<sup>29</sup> And they went from Mithcah and pitched in Hashmonah.<sup>30</sup> And they moved from Hashmonah and pitched at Moseroth.<sup>31</sup> And they moved from Moseroth and pitched in Bene-jaakan.<sup>32</sup> And they moved from Bene-jaakan and pitched at the Hole of the Cleft.<sup>33</sup> And they went from the Hole of the Cleft and pitched in Jotbathah.<sup>34</sup> And they moved from Jotbathah and pitched at Ebronah.<sup>35</sup> And they moved from Ebronah and pitched at Ezion-geber.<sup>36</sup> And they moved from Ezion-geber and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.<sup>37</sup> And they moved from Kadesh and pitched in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.<sup>38</sup> And Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD and died there, in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come up out of the land of Egypt, in the first of the fifth month.<sup>39</sup> And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor.

<sup>40</sup>And king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.<sup>41</sup> And they moved from Mount Hor and pitched in Zalmonah.<sup>42</sup> And they moved from Zalmonah and pitched in Punon.<sup>43</sup> And they moved from Punon and pitched in Oboth.<sup>44</sup> And they moved from Oboth and pitched in Ije-Abarim, in the border of Moab.<sup>45</sup> And they moved from Ije-Abarim and pitched in Dibon-gad.<sup>46</sup> And they moved from Dibon-gad and pitched in Almon-diblathaim.<sup>47</sup> And they moved from Almon-diblathaim and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.<sup>48</sup> And they moved from the mountains of Abarim and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.<sup>49</sup> And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesimoth to Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

<sup>50</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, at near Jericho, saying,<sup>51</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan,<sup>52</sup>then you shall drive out all those who live in the land from before you, and destroy all their carved images, and destroy all their molded images and pluck down all their high places.<sup>53</sup>And you shall put out the land-owners and live in it. For I have given you the land to possess it.<sup>54</sup>And you shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families. And you shall give the more inheritance to the many; to the few you shall give the less inheritance. Every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falls; according to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit.<sup>55</sup>But if you will not drive out the people of the land from before you, then it will be, those of them whom you let remain *shall be* pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live.<sup>56</sup>And it shall be as I thought to do to them, so I shall do to you.

## CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying,<sup>2</sup>Command the sons of Israel and say to them: When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan with its borders.<sup>3</sup>And your south

quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the furthest coast of the Salt Sea eastward. <sup>4</sup>And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and pass on to Zin. And its border shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon. <sup>5</sup>And the border shall turn from Azmon to the river of Egypt, and the end of it shall be at the sea. <sup>6</sup>And for the western border, you shall even have the Great Sea for a border. This shall be your west border. <sup>7</sup>And this shall be your northern border. From the Great Sea you shall point out for you Mount Hor. <sup>8</sup>From Mount Hor you shall point your border to the entrance of Hamath. And the end of the border shall be at Zedad. <sup>9</sup>And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the end of it shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your north border. <sup>10</sup>And you shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham. <sup>11</sup>And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain. And the border shall go down, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward. <sup>12</sup>And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the end of it shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with the borders of it all around.

<sup>13</sup>And Moses commanded the sons of Israel saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half tribe. <sup>14</sup>For the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance. And half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance. <sup>15</sup>The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan near Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>17</sup>These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>18</sup>And you shall take one ruler from every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance. <sup>19</sup>And the names of the men are these. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. <sup>20</sup>And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. <sup>21</sup>And of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. <sup>22</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli. <sup>23</sup>The ruler of the sons of Joseph, for the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod. <sup>24</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiptan. <sup>25</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. <sup>26</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, Paltiel, the son of Azzan. <sup>27</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. <sup>28</sup>And the ruler of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. <sup>29</sup>These are the ones to whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, at Jericho, saying, <sup>2</sup>Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites, from the inheritance of their possessions cities to live in. And you shall also give to the Levites suburbs for the cities all around them. <sup>3</sup>And they shall have the cities to live in. And the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their animals. <sup>4</sup>And the suburbs of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits all around. <sup>5</sup>And you shall measure from outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. And the city shall be in the middle. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. <sup>6</sup>And among the cities which you shall give to the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which

you shall appoint for the manslayer, so that he may flee there. And you shall add forty-two cities to them. <sup>7</sup>All the cities which you shall give to the Levites, forty-eight cities. You shall give them with their suburbs. <sup>8</sup>And the cities which you shall give shall be of the possessions of the sons of Israel. You shall give many from those who have many. But from those who have few you shall give few. Everyone shall give of his cities to the Levites according to his inheritance which he inherits.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, <sup>10</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have come over Jordan into the land of Canaan, <sup>11</sup>then you shall choose cities to be cities of refuge for you, so that the slayer who kills any person through error may flee there. <sup>12</sup>And they shall be to you cities for refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer does not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment. <sup>13</sup>And of those cities which you shall give, you shall have six cities for refuge. <sup>14</sup>You shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan to be cities of refuge. <sup>15</sup>These six cities shall be a refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the stranger, and for anyone who stays among them, so that everyone who kills any person through error may flee there. <sup>16</sup>And if he strikes him with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>17</sup>And if he strikes him by throwing a stone, with which he may die, and if he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>18</sup>Or if he strikes him with a hand weapon of wood, with which he may die, and if he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>19</sup>The revenger of blood himself shall kill the murderer. When he meets him, he shall kill him. <sup>20</sup>And if he stabs him from hatred, or hurls at him by lying in wait, so that he dies, <sup>21</sup>or in hatred strikes him with his hand so that he dies, he who struck him shall surely be put to death. For he is a murderer. The revenger of blood will kill the murderer when he meets him. <sup>22</sup>But if he stabs him suddenly without hatred, or has thrown something on him without lying in wait, <sup>23</sup>or with any stone with which a man may die if he does not see, and throws it upon him so that he dies, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm, <sup>24</sup>then the congregation shall judge between the one who kills and the revenger of blood according to these judgments. <sup>25</sup>And the congregation shall deliver the one who kills out of the hand of the revenger of blood. And the congregation shall send him back to the city of his refuge, to which he had fled. And he shall stay in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil. <sup>26</sup>But if the one who killed shall at any time come outside the border of the city of his refuge to which he had fled, <sup>27</sup>and if the revenger of blood finds him outside the borders of the city of his refuge, and if the revenger of blood kills the slayer, he shall not be guilty of blood <sup>28</sup>because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the one who killed shall return to the land of his possession. <sup>29</sup>So these things shall be for a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

<sup>30</sup>Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses. But one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. <sup>31</sup>And you shall take no atonement for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death. But he shall surely be put to death. <sup>32</sup>And you shall take no atonement for him who has fled to the city of his refuge, so that he should come again to live in the land until the death of the high priest. <sup>33</sup>So you shall not defile the land in which you are. For blood defiles the land. And the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of him that shed it. <sup>34</sup>So do not

defile the land which you shall inhabit, in which I dwell. For I the LORD dwell among the sons of Israel.

### CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And the chief fathers of the families of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses, and before the rulers, the chief fathers of the sons of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel. And my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. <sup>3</sup>And if they are married to any of the sons of the tribes of the sons of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe to which they are received. So it shall be taken from the lot of our inheritance. <sup>4</sup>And when the jubilee of the sons of Israel shall come, then their inheritance shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe into which they are received. So their inheritance shall be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

<sup>5</sup>And Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the word of the LORD saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph has said well. <sup>6</sup>This is the thing which the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best. Only they shall marry into the family of the tribe of their father. <sup>7</sup>So the inheritance of the sons of Israel shall not be moved from tribe to tribe. For every one of the sons of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. <sup>8</sup>And every daughter that possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the sons of Israel shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel may each one enjoy the inheritance of his fathers. <sup>9</sup>And the inheritance shall not move from *one* tribe to another tribe. But every one of the tribes of the sons of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance. <sup>10</sup>Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did. <sup>11</sup>For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to their father's brothers' sons. <sup>12</sup>They were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

<sup>13</sup>These are the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, at Jericho.



# THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite the Red *Sea*, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab, <sup>2</sup>eleven days from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. <sup>3</sup>And it happened, in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded him concerning them; <sup>4</sup>after he had smitten Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth in Edrei, <sup>5</sup>beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, <sup>6</sup>Jehovah our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have had enough of dwelling in this mountain. <sup>7</sup>Turn and take your journey, and enter the hill-country of the Amorites, and to all its neighboring places, in the Arabah in the hill-country, and in the low country, and in the south, and in the shore of the sea, the land of the Canaanites and of Lebanon, to the great river, the river Euphrates. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have set before you the land; go in and possess the land which the LORD has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.

<sup>9</sup>And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you by myself. <sup>10</sup>Jehovah your God has multiplied you, and, behold, today you *are* as the stars of heaven for multitude. <sup>11</sup>May the LORD make you a thousand times more than you *are*, and bless you as He has said to you! <sup>12</sup>How can I by myself bear your pressure and your burden, and your strife? <sup>13</sup>Give wise and understanding men, and *those* known to your tribes, and I will appoint them rulers over you. <sup>14</sup>And you answered me and said, The thing which you have spoken is good to do. <sup>15</sup>And I took the chiefs of your tribes, wise and noted men, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. <sup>16</sup>And I commanded your judges at that time saying, Hear *the causes* between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger with him. <sup>17</sup>You shall not respect persons in judgment. You shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's. And the cause that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it. <sup>18</sup>And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

<sup>19</sup>And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. <sup>20</sup>And I said to you, You have come to the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God has given unto us. <sup>21</sup>Behold, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up. Possess *it*, even as the LORD God of your fathers has said to you. Do not fear, neither be troubled. <sup>22</sup>And you came near to me, every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search out the land and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come. <sup>23</sup>And the saying pleased me very much. And I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe. <sup>24</sup>And they turned and went up into the mountain and came to the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out. <sup>25</sup>And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down to us, and brought us word again and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God gives us. <sup>26</sup>But you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. <sup>27</sup>And you murmured in your tents and said, Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. <sup>28</sup>Where shall

we go up? Our brothers have broken our hearts, saying, We have seen there a people greater and taller than we are. The cities *are* great and walled up to heaven. And also we have seen the sons of the giants.

<sup>29</sup>Then I said to you, Do not dread them nor be afraid of them. <sup>30</sup>The LORD your God who goes before you shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, <sup>31</sup>and in the wilderness where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came into this place. <sup>32</sup>Yet in this thing you did not believe the LORD your God, <sup>33</sup>who went in the way before you to search you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in a cloud by day.

<sup>34</sup>And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was angry and swore, saying, <sup>35</sup>Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I swore to give to your fathers, <sup>36</sup>except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him I will give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his sons, because he has fully followed the LORD. <sup>37</sup>Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there. <sup>38</sup>Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Make him strong, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. <sup>39</sup>And your little ones, who you said would be a prey, and your sons who in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in there. And I will give it to them, and they shall possess it. <sup>40</sup>But you turn and journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

<sup>41</sup>And you answered and said to me, We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up and fight according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when each one of you had buckled on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the hill. <sup>42</sup>But the LORD said to me, Say to them, Do not go up, nor fight, for I *am* not among you, you will be beaten by your enemies. <sup>43</sup>So I spoke to you. And you would not hear, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and went presumptuously into the hill. <sup>44</sup>And the Amorites who lived in that mountain came out against you and chased you, even as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, to Hormah. <sup>45</sup>And you returned and wept before the LORD. But the LORD would not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you. <sup>46</sup>So you stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you remained.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Then we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me. And we went around Mount Seir many days. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD spoke to me, saying, <sup>3</sup>You have gone around this mountain long enough. Turn northward. <sup>4</sup>And command the people saying, You *are* to pass through the border of your brothers, the sons of Esau, who dwell in Seir. And they shall be afraid of you. Therefore be careful. <sup>5</sup>Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau *for* a possession. <sup>6</sup>You shall buy food from them for money, so that you may eat. And you shall also buy water from them for money, so that you may drink. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand. He knows your walking *through* this great wilderness. The LORD your God *has been* with you these forty years. You have lacked nothing.

<sup>8</sup>And when we left our brothers the sons of Esau who lived in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-geber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to me, Do not besiege the Moab, nor fight with them in battle. For I will not give you any of their land *for* a possession. Because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot *for* a possession. <sup>10</sup>The

Emim lived there in times past, a great people, who were many and tall like the giants. <sup>11</sup>And they were known as giants, like the sons of Anak, but the Moabites called them Emim. <sup>12</sup>The Horim also lived in Seir in times past. But the sons of Esau took their place when they had destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which the LORD gave to them. <sup>13</sup>Now rise up and cross over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

<sup>14</sup>And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we had come over the brook Zered *were* thirty-eight years; until the end of all the generation. The men of war *were* destroyed from the midst of the camp, as the LORD swore to them. <sup>15</sup>And the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the camp, until they were consumed.

<sup>16</sup>And it happened, when all the men of war had finished dying from among the people, <sup>17</sup>the LORD spoke to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>today you are to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab. <sup>19</sup>And *when* you come near, across from the sons of Ammon, do not trouble them nor meddle with them. For I will not give you any possessions from the land of the sons of Ammon, because I have given it to the sons of Lot *for* a possession. <sup>20</sup>It also was known to be a land of giants. Giants lived there in past times. And the Ammonites call them Zamzumim, <sup>21</sup>a great and plentiful people, and tall, like the sons of Anak, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they took their place and lived in their place, <sup>22</sup>as He did to the sons of Esau who lived in Seir, when he destroyed the Horim from before them. And they took their place and lived in their place even to this day. <sup>23</sup>And the Avvim who lived in villages as far as Azzar, the Caphtorim, who came forth out of Caphtor destroyed them, and lived in their place. <sup>24</sup>Rise up, set out and cross over the river Arnon. Behold! I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess, and fight with him in battle. <sup>25</sup>Today, I will begin to put your dread and your fear upon the nations under the whole heaven; who shall hear report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.

<sup>26</sup>And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, <sup>27</sup>Let me pass through your land. I will go along by the highway. I will neither turn to the right hand nor to the left. <sup>28</sup>You shall sell me food for money, so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink. Only I will pass through on my feet, <sup>29</sup>as the sons of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in Ar, did to me, until I shall cross over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God gives us. <sup>30</sup>But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him. For the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart stubborn so that He might deliver him into your hands, *as it is* this day.

<sup>31</sup>And the LORD said to me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before you. Begin to possess it so that you may inherit his land. <sup>32</sup>Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. <sup>33</sup>And the LORD our God delivered him before us. And we struck him and his sons and all his people. <sup>34</sup>And we took all his cities at that time and completely destroyed the men and the women and the little ones of every city. We left none to remain. <sup>35</sup>Only we took the cattle for ourselves, and we took the spoil of the cities. <sup>36</sup>From Aroer, by the brink of the river of Arnon, and the city by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us. The LORD our God delivered all to us. <sup>37</sup>Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not come, to any place of the river Jabbok, nor to the cities in the mountains, nor to whatever the LORD our God denied us.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to me, Do not fear him, for I will deliver him and all his people, and his land, into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon. <sup>3</sup>So the LORD our God delivered Og into our hands also, the king of Bashan, and all his people. And we struck him until none was left remaining to him. <sup>4</sup>And we took all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. <sup>5</sup>All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; besides a good many unwallied towns. <sup>6</sup>And we completely destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, completely destroying the men, women, and children of every city. <sup>7</sup>But we took the cattle and the spoil of the cities as a prize for ourselves.

<sup>8</sup>And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon to Mount Hermon, <sup>9</sup>(the Hermon which the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it Shenir). <sup>10</sup>All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, and Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan were taken. <sup>11</sup>For only Og king of Bashan remained of the rest of the giants. Behold! His bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Is it not in Rabbath of the sons of Ammon? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its width, according to the cubit of a man. <sup>12</sup>And this is the land which we possessed at that time, from Aroer by the river Arnon, and half of Mount Gilead, and its cities, I gave to the men of Reuben and of Gad. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants. <sup>14</sup>Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob to the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi. And he called them after his own name, Bashan (Towns of Jair) to this day. <sup>15</sup>And I gave Gilead to Machir. <sup>16</sup>And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border even to the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon, <sup>17</sup>the plain also, and Jordan, and the border of it, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the plain, the Salt Sea, under The Slopes of Pisgah eastward.

<sup>18</sup>And I commanded you at that time saying, The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it. You shall pass over armed before your brothers the sons of Israel, all the sons of might. <sup>19</sup>But your wives and your little ones, and your cattle, (I know that you have much cattle), shall stay in your cities which I have given you <sup>20</sup>until the LORD has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God has given them beyond Jordan. And then you shall each one return to his possessions which I have given you. <sup>21</sup>And I commanded Joshua at that time saying, Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms where you pass. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them. For the LORD your God shall fight for you.

<sup>23</sup>And I begged the LORD at that time saying, <sup>24</sup>O, LORD God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness, and Your mighty hand. For what God is there in heaven or in earth who can do according to Your works, and according to Your might? <sup>25</sup>I pray you, let me go over and see the good land beyond Jordan, this good hill-country and Lebanon. <sup>26</sup>But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not hear me. And the LORD said to me, Let it be enough for you. Speak no more to Me of this matter. <sup>27</sup>Go up into the top

of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and behold *it* with your eyes. For you shall not go over this Jordan. <sup>28</sup>But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him. For he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see. <sup>29</sup>So we stayed in the valley over against Beth-peor.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the judgments which I teach you, in order to do *them*, so that you may live and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, so that you may keep the commands of the LORD your God which I command you. <sup>3</sup>Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-peor. For the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men that followed Baal-peor. <sup>4</sup>And you who held fast to the LORD your God *are* alive, every one of you, this day. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. <sup>6</sup>And you shall keep and do them, for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. <sup>7</sup>For who *is* a great nation whose God is coming near to them, as Jehovah your God *is*, in all our calling on him? <sup>8</sup>And who *is* a great nation whose statutes and judgments *are* so righteous as all this law which I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>Only take heed to yourself and keep your soul carefully, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. But teach them to your sons, and your sons' sons. <sup>10</sup>Remember the day that you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, Gather the people to Me, and I will make them hear My words so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and they may teach their sons. <sup>11</sup>And you came near and stood under the mountain. And the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of the words, but saw no likeness, only a voice.

<sup>13</sup>And He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, ten commandments. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments so that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it. <sup>15</sup>Therefore take good heed to yourselves, for you saw no kind of likeness on the day the LORD spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup>lest you act corruptly and make yourselves a graven image, the likeness of any figure, the likeness of male or female, <sup>17</sup>the likeness of any beast on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, <sup>18</sup>the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish in the waters beneath the earth; <sup>19</sup>and lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, lest you should be driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has allotted to all nations under all the heavens. <sup>20</sup>But the LORD has taken you and brought you out from the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to Him a people of inheritance, as *you are* today. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance. <sup>22</sup>But I must die in this land; I must not go over Jordan. But you shall go over and possess that good land. <sup>23</sup>Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget

the covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, a likeness of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. <sup>24</sup>For the LORD your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God.

<sup>25</sup>When you shall father sons and sons's sons, and when you shall have remained long in the land and have dealt corruptly by making a graven image, the likeness of any, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD your God, to provoke Him to anger, <sup>26</sup>I call Heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land which you are crossing over Jordan to possess. You shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

<sup>27</sup>And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the nations where the LORD shall drive you. <sup>28</sup>And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. <sup>29</sup>But if you shall seek the LORD your God from there, you shall find *Him*, if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup>When you are in trouble and when all these things have found you in the latter days, then you shall return to the LORD your God and shall be obedient to His voice. <sup>31</sup>For the LORD your God *is* a merciful God; He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

<sup>32</sup>For ask now of the days past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of the heavens to the other, where there has been a thing as great as this, or has been heard *any* like it. <sup>33</sup>Did people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire as you have heard and live? <sup>34</sup>Or has God gone forth to take a nation for himself from the midst of a nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>It was shown to you so that you might know that Jehovah *is* God, and no one else beside Him. <sup>36</sup>He made you hear His voice out of Heaven so that He might teach you. And He showed you His great fire upon earth. And you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. <sup>37</sup>And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought you out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt, <sup>38</sup>in order to drive out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land *for* an inheritance, as it is this day. <sup>39</sup>Therefore, know this day and consider within your heart, that the LORD *is* God in Heaven above and on the earth beneath. *There is no other.* <sup>40</sup>Therefore, you shall keep his statutes and His commandments which I command you this day, so that it may go well with you and with your sons after you, and so that you may make *your* days longer upon the earth which the LORD your God gives you forever.

<sup>41</sup>Then Moses separated three cities on this side Jordan towards the sunrise, <sup>42</sup>so that the slayer might be there, he who should kill his neighbor through error and who did not hate him in times past, and he fleeing to one of these cities might live. <sup>43</sup>They were Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.

<sup>44</sup>And this *is* the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel. <sup>45</sup>These *are* the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel after they came forth out of Egypt, <sup>46</sup>beyond Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel killed, after they had come forth out of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side Jordan toward the sunrise, <sup>48</sup>from Aroer, on the edge of the river Arnon, even to Mount Zion, which *is*

Hermon, <sup>49</sup>and all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And Moses called all Israel and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, so that you may learn them and keep and do them. <sup>2</sup>The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. <sup>3</sup>The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, all of us here, alive today. <sup>4</sup>The LORD talked with you face to face in the mountain out of the midst of the fire; <sup>5</sup>I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD, for you were afraid because of the fire, and did not go up into the mountain, saying, <sup>6</sup>*I am* the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

<sup>7</sup>You shall have no other gods besides Me.

<sup>8</sup>You shall not make a graven image for you, any likeness of anything that *is* in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters beneath the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth *generation* of those who hate Me, <sup>10</sup>and showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not acquit *him* who takes His name in vain.

<sup>12</sup>Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day *shall be* the sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your ox, nor your ass, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger inside your gates, so that your man-servant and your maid-servant may rest like yourself. <sup>15</sup>And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and with a stretched-out arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

<sup>16</sup>Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that your days may be made longer, and that it may go well with you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not kill.

<sup>18</sup>And you shall not commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup>And you shall not steal.

<sup>20</sup>And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup>And you shall not lust after your neighbor's wife, nor shall you covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that *is* your neighbor's.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke these words to all your assembly in the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice. And he added no more. And he wrote them in two tablets of stone and delivered them to me. <sup>23</sup>And it happened when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, for the mountain burned with fire, you came near me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders, <sup>24</sup>and you said, Behold! The LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire. We have seen today that God talks with man and that He lives. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. <sup>26</sup>For who of all flesh has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we

have, and lived? <sup>27</sup>You go near and hear all that the LORD our God shall say. And you speak to us all that the LORD our God shall speak to you, and we will hear and act. <sup>28</sup>And the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They have well *said* all that they have spoken. <sup>29</sup>Oh that there were such a heart in them that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, so that it might be well with them and with their sons forever! <sup>30</sup>Go say to them, Go into your tents again. <sup>31</sup>But as for you, you stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I am giving them, to possess it. <sup>32</sup>And you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. <sup>33</sup>You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you so that you may live and *that good may be* to you, and you may make *your* days longer in the land which you shall possess.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God commanded to teach you so that you might do *them* in the land where you go, to possess it, <sup>2</sup>that you might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Then hear, O, Israel, and be careful to do *it*, so that it may be well with you, and that you may greatly multiply, as the LORD God of our fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O, Israel. The LORD our God *is* one LORD. <sup>5</sup>And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>And you shall carefully teach them to your sons, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>And when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you great and goodly cities which you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of every good *thing* which you did not fill, and wells which are dug, but which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be full. <sup>12</sup>You shall be on guard lest you forget the LORD who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. <sup>13</sup>You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall swear by His name. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people all around you, <sup>15</sup>for the LORD your God *is* a jealous God among you, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted in Massah. <sup>17</sup>You shall carefully keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. <sup>18</sup>And you shall do the right and good in the sight of the LORD, so that it may be well with you, and so that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to your fathers, <sup>19</sup>to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

<sup>20</sup>When your son asks you in time to come, saying, What *are* the testimonies, and the statutes and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you? <sup>21</sup>Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and



the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.<sup>22</sup> And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and evil signs, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his household, before our eyes.<sup>23</sup> And He brought us out from there so that He might bring us in to give us the land which He swore to our fathers.<sup>24</sup> And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, so that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* today.<sup>25</sup> And if we are careful to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us, it shall be our righteousness.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,<sup>2</sup> and the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, you shall crush them, completely destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.<sup>3</sup> Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to his son, nor shall you take his daughter to your son.<sup>4</sup> For they will turn away your son from following Me, so that they may serve other gods. So the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you and will destroy you suddenly.<sup>5</sup> But you shall deal with them in this way: you shall destroy their altars and break down their images, and cut down their groves and burn their graven images with fire.

<sup>6</sup>For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.<sup>7</sup> The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people, for you *were* the fewest of all people.<sup>8</sup> But because the LORD loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.<sup>10</sup> And he repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slow to repay him who hates Him. He will repay him to his face.<sup>11</sup> And you shall keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which I command you today, to do them.

<sup>12</sup>And it shall be, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, the LORD your God shall keep to you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.<sup>13</sup> And He will love you and bless you and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore to your fathers to give you.<sup>14</sup> You shall be blessed above all people. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle.<sup>15</sup> And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt which you know upon you. But He will lay them upon all who hate you.<sup>16</sup> And you shall destroy all the people which the LORD your God shall deliver you. Your eye shall have no pity upon them, neither shall you serve their gods, for they *will be* a snare to you.

<sup>17</sup>If you shall say in your heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I throw them out? <sup>18</sup>You shall not be afraid of them, *but* shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.<sup>19</sup> Remember the great temptations which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm by which the Lord your God brought you out.

So shall the LORD your God do to all the people of whom you are afraid. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD your God will send the hornet among them, until the ones who are left, and who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

<sup>21</sup>You shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God *is* among you, a mighty and terrible God. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD your God will put out those nations before you by little and little. You may not destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD your God shall deliver them to you, and shall destroy them with a mighty ruin until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup>And He shall deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under the heavens. No man shall be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them. <sup>25</sup>You shall burn the graven images of their gods with fire. You shall not desire the silver or gold on them, nor take *it* for yourself, so that you may not be snared in it. For *it is* an abomination to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, lest you be a cursed thing like it. You shall utterly hate it, and you shall utterly despise it. For *it is* a cursed thing.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>All the commandments which I command you this day shall you be careful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you, to prove you, to know what *is* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and then He fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know it, so that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone. But man shall live by every word that comes out of the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell, these forty years. <sup>5</sup>You shall also consider in your heart that as a man chastens his son, *so* the LORD your God chastens you. <sup>6</sup>And you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you shall eat bread without want. You shall not lack *anything* in it. It is a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper. <sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup>lest *when* you have eaten and are full and have built goodly houses and lived in them, <sup>13</sup>and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart might be lifted up, and you might forget the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>*He* led you through the great and terrible wilderness, *with* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty wastes, where there was no water, who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint, <sup>16</sup>who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know, so that He might humble you and so that He might prove you, to do you good in the end, <sup>17</sup>and so that you might not say in your heart, My power and the might of *my* hand has gotten me this wealth. <sup>18</sup>But you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant which He has sworn to your fathers, as *it is* today.

<sup>19</sup>And it shall be if you do at all forget the LORD your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup>As the nations whom the LORD destroys before your face, so you shall perish because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O, Israel! You are to pass over Jordan today, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fenced up to heaven, <sup>2</sup>a people great and tall, the sons of the giants, whom you know and have heard it *said*, Who can stand before the sons of Anak! <sup>3</sup>Therefore, understand today that the LORD your God *is* He who goes over before you. *Like* a consuming fire, He shall destroy them, and He shall bring them down before your face. So you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you. <sup>4</sup>Do not speak in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out from before you, saying: For my righteousness, the LORD has brought me in to possess this land. But for the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God drives them out from before you. <sup>5</sup>Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go to possess their land. But for the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God drives them out from before you, so that He may perform the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, understand that the LORD your God does not give you this good land, to possess it, for your righteousness. For you are a stiff-necked people.

<sup>7</sup>Remember, and do not forget, how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you. <sup>9</sup>When I had gone up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights. I did not either eat bread nor drink water. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them according to all the words which the LORD spoke with you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. <sup>11</sup>And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to me, Arise! Get down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted. They have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them. They have made them a molten image. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD spoke to me saying: I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people. <sup>14</sup>Let Me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they are. <sup>15</sup>So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire. And the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. <sup>16</sup>And I looked, and behold! You had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. <sup>17</sup>And I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands and broke them before your eyes. <sup>18</sup>And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sins which you sinned in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger. <sup>19</sup>For I was afraid of the anger and fury with which the LORD was angry against you to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed

him. And I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. <sup>21</sup>And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as small as dust. And I threw the dust of it into the brook that descended out of the mountain.

<sup>22</sup>And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at the Graves of Lust, you provoked the LORD to anger. <sup>23</sup>And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying: Go up and possess the land which I have given you, then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and you did not believe Him, nor listened to His voice. <sup>24</sup>You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. <sup>25</sup>And I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*, because the LORD had said He would destroy you. <sup>26</sup>I prayed therefore to the LORD and said, O, Lord God, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance which You have redeemed through Your greatness, which You have brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>27</sup>Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, <sup>28</sup>lest the land from where You bring us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness. <sup>29</sup>Yet they *are* Your people and Your inheritance which You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your stretched-out arm.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>At that time the LORD said to me: Cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me into the mountain, and make an ark of wood. <sup>2</sup>And I will write on the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark. <sup>3</sup>And I made an ark of acacia-wood, and cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. <sup>4</sup>And He wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments which the LORD spoke to you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. <sup>5</sup>And I turned myself and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me.

<sup>6</sup>And the sons of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the sons of Jaakan to Mosera. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And Eleazar his son served in the priest's office in his place. <sup>7</sup>From there they moved to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters. <sup>8</sup>At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him, and to bless in His name, until today. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Levi has no part nor inheritance with his brothers. The LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD your God promised him. <sup>10</sup>And I stayed in the mountain, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights. And the LORD listened to me at that time also. The LORD would not destroy you. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to me, Arise, Go before the people, causing them to go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

<sup>12</sup>And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>to keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statutes, which I command you today for your good? <sup>14</sup>Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens belongs to the LORD your God, the earth also, with all in it. <sup>15</sup>Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, you above all people, as *it is* today. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stiff-necked.

<sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible God, who does not respect persons nor take bribes. <sup>18</sup>He executes justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger in giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him, and you shall hold fast to Him, and swear by His name. <sup>21</sup>He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup>Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons. And now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of the heavens for multitude.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge and His statutes and His judgments and His commandments always. <sup>2</sup>And you know today – for I *do* not *speak* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God – His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched-out arm, <sup>3</sup>and His miracles, and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land. <sup>4</sup>And you know what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how He made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and the LORD has destroyed them to today. <sup>5</sup>And you know what He did to you in the wilderness until you came into this place, <sup>6</sup>and what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab the son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance in their possession, in the midst of all Israel. <sup>7</sup>But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which He did. <sup>8</sup>Therefore you shall keep all the commandments which I command you today, so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land where you go to possess it, <sup>9</sup>and so that you may make *your* days longer in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>For the land into which you go to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot, like a garden of herbs. <sup>11</sup>But the land which you are entering to possess is a land of hills and valleys, drinking water from the rain of heaven. <sup>12</sup>It is a land which the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

<sup>13</sup>And it will be, if you will listen carefully to My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup>I will give the rain of your land in its due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. <sup>15</sup>And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle so that you may eat and be full. <sup>16</sup>Take heed to yourselves that your heart may not be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods, and worship them. <sup>17</sup>And *then* the LORD's wrath may be kindled against you, and He may shut up the heaven so that there will be no rain, and so that the land will not yield her fruit, and you perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD gives you. <sup>18</sup>Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, so that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup>And you shall teach them to your sons, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup>And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates, <sup>21</sup>so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied in the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, like the days of the heavens upon the earth. <sup>22</sup>For if you will

carefully keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him,<sup>23</sup> then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater and mightier nations than yourself.<sup>24</sup> Every place on which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours, from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the furthest sea shall your border be.<sup>25</sup> There shall no man be able to stand before you, for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread upon, as He has said to you.

<sup>26</sup>Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:<sup>27</sup> A blessing if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today,<sup>28</sup> and a curse if you will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but will turn aside out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.<sup>29</sup> And it will be, when the LORD your God has brought you into the land where you go to possess it, you shall put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal.<sup>30</sup> Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites, who dwell in the plain over against Gilgal beside the plains of Moreh?<sup>31</sup> For you shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it.<sup>32</sup> And you shall be careful to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>These *are* the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to do in the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives you to possess, all the days that you live upon the earth.<sup>2</sup> You shall completely destroy all the places in which the nations which you shall possess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.<sup>3</sup> And you shall overthrow their altars and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their gods, and destroy their names out of that place.<sup>4</sup> You shall not do so to the LORD your God.<sup>5</sup> But to the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, even to His dwelling place you shall seek, and there you shall come.<sup>6</sup> And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will offerings, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks.<sup>7</sup> And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households in which the LORD your God has blessed you.<sup>8</sup> You shall not do according to all that we do here today, each man doing whatever is right in his own eyes.<sup>9</sup> For you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the LORD your God gives you.<sup>10</sup> But *when* you go over Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you live in safety,<sup>11</sup> then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. There you shall bring all that I command you, your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to the LORD.<sup>12</sup> And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons, your daughters, your men-servants, your female-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates (because he has no part nor inheritance with you).<sup>13</sup> Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offering in every place that you see.<sup>14</sup> But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offering, and there you shall do all that I command you.

<sup>15</sup>However, you may kill and eat flesh in all your gates, whatever your soul desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you, the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. <sup>16</sup>Only you shall not eat the blood. You shall pour it on the earth like water. <sup>17</sup>You may not eat inside your gates the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the first-born of your herds or of your flock, or any of your vows which you vow, or your free-will offerings or the heave offering of your hand. <sup>18</sup>But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite within your gates. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you put your hands to. <sup>19</sup>Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live on the earth. <sup>20</sup>When the LORD your God shall make your border larger, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh, because your soul longs to eat flesh; you may eat flesh, whatever your soul desires. <sup>21</sup>If the place which the LORD your God has chosen to put his name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates whatever your soul desires. <sup>22</sup>Even as the gazelle and the hart is eaten, so you shall eat them. The unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike. <sup>23</sup>Only be sure that you do not eat the blood. For the blood is the life. And you may not eat the life with the flesh. <sup>24</sup>You shall not eat it. You shall pour it on the earth like water. <sup>25</sup>You shall not eat it, so that it may go well with you and with your sons after you, when you shall do what is right in the sight of the LORD. <sup>26</sup>Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD shall choose. <sup>27</sup>And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God. And the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the flesh. <sup>28</sup>Be careful to hear all these words which I command you, so that it may go well with you and with your sons after you forever, when you do the good and right in the sight of the LORD your God. <sup>29</sup>When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations before you, where you go to possess them, and you take their place and dwell in their land, <sup>30</sup>take heed to yourself that you do not become snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you. And be careful that you do not ask about their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods that I too may do likewise? <sup>31</sup>You shall not do so to the LORD your God. For every abomination to the LORD, which He hates, they have done to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. <sup>32</sup>Whatever thing I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>If a prophet rises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup>and the sign or the wonder which he tells you comes to pass, of which he said, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them, <sup>3</sup>you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup>You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. <sup>5</sup>And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to lure you out of the way which the LORD your

God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put the evil away from the midst of you.

<sup>6</sup>If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who *is* like your own soul, lures you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods which you have not known, you nor your fathers, <sup>7</sup>that is, of the gods of the people who *are* round about you, near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth, <sup>8</sup>you shall not consent to him or listen to him. Nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare, nor shall you hide him. <sup>9</sup>But you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. <sup>10</sup>And you shall stone him with stones so that he dies, because he has sought to lure you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. <sup>11</sup>And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this among you.

<sup>12</sup>If, in one of your cities which the LORD your God has given you to dwell in, you shall hear someone saying, <sup>13</sup>Men, the sons of Belial, have gone out from among you and have withdrawn those who live in their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, <sup>14</sup>then you shall inquire and make search, and ask carefully. And behold, *if it is true, and* the thing is certain, that such an abomination is done among you, <sup>15</sup>you shall surely strike those who live in that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that is in it, and all the cattle of it, with the edge of the sword. <sup>16</sup>And you shall gather all the spoil of it into the middle of its street, and shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoil, every bit of it, for the LORD your God. And it shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. <sup>17</sup>And let nothing of the cursed thing cling to your hand, so that the LORD may turn from the heat of his anger and show you mercy, and have pity on you, and multiply you as He has sworn to your fathers, <sup>18</sup>when you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do the right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>You *are* the sons of the LORD your God. You shall not cut yourselves nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. <sup>2</sup>For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a peculiar people to Himself, above all the nations that are on the earth. <sup>3</sup>You shall not eat anything hateful to God. <sup>4</sup>These *are* the animals which you shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, <sup>5</sup>the hart, and the gazelle, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the mountain goat, and the wild ox, and the mountain-sheep. <sup>6</sup>And every animal that divides the hoof, and divides it into two hooves, *and* chews the cud among the animals, that you shall eat. <sup>7</sup>But these you shall not eat, of those which chew the cud, or of those that divide the cloven hoof: the camel, and the hare, and the coney, for they chew the cud, but do not divide the hoof. They *are* unclean to you. <sup>8</sup>And the swine, because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud; *it is* unclean to you. You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their dead body. <sup>9</sup>These you shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales you shall eat. <sup>10</sup>And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat. *It is* unclean to you. <sup>11</sup>You shall eat all clean birds. <sup>12</sup>But you shall not eat of these: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, <sup>13</sup>and the falcon, and the kite, and the vulture after its kind, <sup>14</sup>and every raven after its kind, <sup>15</sup>and the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after its kind, <sup>16</sup>the little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, <sup>17</sup>and the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, <sup>18</sup>and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the lap-wing, and the bat. <sup>19</sup>And every creeping



thing that flies is unclean to you. They shall not be eaten. <sup>20</sup>You may eat all clean fowls. <sup>21</sup>You shall not eat anything that dies of itself. You shall deliver it to the stranger that is in your gates, so that he may eat it. Or you may sell it to a stranger. For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. <sup>22</sup>You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed that the field brings forth year by year. <sup>23</sup>And you shall eat before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. <sup>24</sup>And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, or if the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God shall choose to set His name there, when the LORD your God has blessed you, <sup>25</sup>then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose. <sup>26</sup>And you shall pay that money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household <sup>27</sup>and the Levite within your gates, you shall not forsake him, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. <sup>28</sup>At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay it up inside your gates. <sup>29</sup>And the Levite, because he has no part nor inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are inside your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied, so that the LORD may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. <sup>2</sup>And this is the manner of the release. Every man who has a loan to his neighbor shall release it. He shall not exact it from his neighbor, or from his brother, because it is called the LORD's release. <sup>3</sup>You may exact it from a foreigner, but your hand shall release that which is yours with your brother, <sup>4</sup>except when there shall be no poor among you. For the LORD shall greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it, <sup>5</sup>only if you carefully listen to the voice of the LORD your God to be careful to do all these commandments which I command you today. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD your God blesses you as He promised you. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you. <sup>7</sup>If there is among you a poor man of one of your brothers inside any of your gates in your land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother. <sup>8</sup>But you shall open your hand wide to him, and shall surely lend him enough for his need, *that* which he lacks. <sup>9</sup>Beware that there is not a thought in your wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand, and your eye may be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing. And he may cry to the LORD against you, and it is sin to you. <sup>10</sup>You shall surely give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God shall bless you in all your works, and in all that you put your hand to. <sup>11</sup>For the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you saying, You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.

<sup>12</sup>If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. <sup>13</sup>And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty. <sup>14</sup>You shall surround him from your flock, and from your grain floor, and from your

wine-press, with what the LORD your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. <sup>15</sup>And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you. Therefore I command you this thing today. <sup>16</sup>And if he says to you, I will not go away from you, because he loves you and your house, because he is happy with you, <sup>17</sup>then you shall take an awl and put it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also to your maid-servant you shall do so. <sup>18</sup>It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away from you free, for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. And the LORD your God shall bless you in all that you do.

<sup>19</sup>All the first-born males that come from your herd and from your flock, you shall set apart to the LORD your God. You shall do no work with the first-born of your bull, nor shear the first-born of your sheep. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat before the LORD your God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, you and your household. <sup>21</sup>And if there is a blemish in it, lame, or blind, any ill blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. <sup>22</sup>You shall eat it inside your gates. The unclean and the unclean *shall eat it* alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. <sup>23</sup>Only you shall not eat the blood of it. You shall pour it on the ground like water.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Observe the month Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God. For in the month of Abib, the LORD your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night. <sup>2</sup>You shall therefore sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place His name there. <sup>3</sup>You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, the bread of affliction, for you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste. This is so that you may remember the day that you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. <sup>4</sup>And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you in all your borders for seven days. Nor shall any of the flesh which you sacrificed in the first day at evening remain all night until the morning. <sup>5</sup>You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, <sup>6</sup>but at the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the time that you came forth out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>And you shall roast and eat in the place which the LORD your God shall choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. <sup>8</sup>Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. And on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work.

<sup>9</sup>You shall count seven weeks to yourselves. Begin to count the seven weeks from *the time you began* to put the sickle to the grain. <sup>10</sup>And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a measure of a free-will offering of your hand, which you shall give according as the LORD your God has blessed you. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite inside your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, *those* among you, in the place which the LORD your God has chosen to place His name there. <sup>12</sup>And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. And you shall be careful to do these statutes.

<sup>13</sup>You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days after you have gathered in your grain and your wine. <sup>14</sup>And you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow inside your gates. <sup>15</sup>Seven

days you shall keep a solemn feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God shall choose. Because the LORD your God shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your hands, therefore you shall surely rejoice. <sup>16</sup>Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose: in the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before the LORD empty. <sup>17</sup>Each with his gift in his hand, according to the blessing of the LORD your God, which He has given you.

<sup>18</sup>You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates which the LORD your God gives you, tribe by tribe. And they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. <sup>19</sup>You shall not pervert judgment; you shall not respect persons, nor take a gift. For a gift blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. <sup>20</sup>You shall follow that which is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God gives you.

<sup>21</sup>You shall not plant a grove of any trees near the altar of the LORD your God which you shall make. <sup>22</sup>Nor shall you set up an image, which the LORD your God hates.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God any bull or sheep in which there is a blemish, any unseemly thing, for that *is* an abomination to the LORD your God.

<sup>2</sup>If there is found among you, inside any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or woman who has worked wickedness in the sight of the LORD your God, in breaking His covenant, <sup>3</sup>and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, <sup>4</sup>and if it is told you, and you have heard and inquired carefully, and, behold, *it is* true and the thing is certain, such abomination is done in Israel; <sup>5</sup>then you shall bring forth that man or that woman who has committed that wicked thing, to your gates, even that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones until they die. <sup>6</sup>At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death. At the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. <sup>7</sup>The hands of the witnesses shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.

<sup>8</sup>If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God shall choose. <sup>9</sup>And *you* shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge that shall be in those days, and ask. And they shall show you the sentence of judgment. <sup>10</sup>And you shall do according to the sentence which they declare to you from that place which the LORD shall choose. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they tell you. <sup>11</sup>According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach you and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do. You shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, *to* the right hand or the left. <sup>12</sup>And the man that acts proudly and will not listen to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die. And you shall put away the evil from Israel. <sup>13</sup>And all the people shall hear and fear, and not be presumptuous any more.

<sup>14</sup>When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the

nations around me, <sup>15</sup>you shall surely set a king over you, whom the LORD your God shall choose. You shall set a king over you from among your brothers. You may not set a stranger over you, who *is* not your brother. <sup>16</sup>But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses, because the LORD has said to you, You shall return no more that way from now on. <sup>17</sup>Nor shall he multiply wives to himself, so that his heart does not turn away. Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself. <sup>18</sup>And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book from before the priests the Levites. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them, <sup>20</sup>so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand or the left, so that he may make *his* days longer in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>The priests, the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, *shall have* no part nor inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and His inheritance. <sup>2</sup>Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brothers. The LORD *is* their inheritance, as He has said to them. <sup>3</sup>And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those that offer a sacrifice, whether ox or sheep. And they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks, and the stomach. <sup>4</sup>You shall also give him the first-fruit of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons forever. <sup>6</sup>And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lived, and come with all the desire of his mind to the place which the LORD shall choose, <sup>7</sup>then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brothers and Levites who stand there before the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall have the same portions to eat, besides that which comes from the sale of the inheritance from his father.

<sup>9</sup>When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup>There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that uses divination, an observer of clouds, or a fortune-teller, or a witch, <sup>11</sup>or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or one who calls to the dead. <sup>12</sup>For all that do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. <sup>13</sup>You shall be perfect with the LORD your God. <sup>14</sup>For these nations whom you shall possess listened to observers of clouds and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you *to do* so.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, *One* like me. To Him you shall listen, <sup>16</sup>according to all that you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying: Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, so that I do not die. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, They have spoken well what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, like you, and will put My words in His mouth. And He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him. <sup>19</sup>And it shall happen, *whatever* man will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who shall presume to speak in My name which I have not commanded him to speak or who shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet

shall die. <sup>21</sup>And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken? <sup>22</sup>When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not follow nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You shall not be afraid of him.

### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God gives you, and when you take their place and live in their cities and in their houses, <sup>2</sup>you shall separate three cities for you in the middle of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess it. <sup>3</sup>You shall prepare you a way, and divide the borders of your land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, so that every slayer may flee there. <sup>4</sup>And this is the case of the slayer who shall flee there that he may live: whoever in error kills his neighbor whom he did not hate him before, <sup>5</sup>even he who goes into the wood with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand brings a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the wood and lights on his neighbor so that he dies; he shall flee to one of those cities and live, <sup>6</sup>so that the avenger of the blood may not pursue the slayer while his heart is hot, and overtake him because the way is long, and kill him, and he had no sentence of worthy of death, for he did not hate him in time past. <sup>7</sup>Therefore I command you saying, You shall separate three cities for you. <sup>8</sup>And if the LORD your God makes your border larger, as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give to your fathers; <sup>9</sup>if you will keep all these commandments which I command you today, to do them, to love the LORD your God, and to walk always in His ways. Then you shall add three more cities to these three <sup>10</sup>so that innocent blood may not be shed in your land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance and blood may not be on you. <sup>11</sup>But if a man hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes his life from him, so that he dies, and flees to one of these cities, <sup>12</sup>then the elders of his city shall send and bring him away from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood so that he may die. <sup>13</sup>Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away innocent blood from Israel, so that it may go well with you.

<sup>14</sup>You may not remove your neighbor's landmark, which those in the past have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess it.

<sup>15</sup>One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be made sure. <sup>16</sup>If a false witness rises up against any man to testify a falling away against him, <sup>17</sup>then both the men who are disagreeing shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges which shall be in those days. <sup>18</sup>And the judges shall make careful inquiry. And behold, if the witness is a false witness and has testified falsely against his brother, <sup>19</sup>then you shall do to him as he had thought to have done to his brother. So you shall put the evil away from among you. <sup>20</sup>And those who remain shall hear and fear, and shall from then on commit no such evil among you. <sup>21</sup>And your eye shall not pity. Life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

### CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots, a people more than you, do not be afraid of them. For the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And when you have come near to the battle, the priest shall go up and speak to the people, <sup>3</sup>and shall say

to them, Hear, O, Israel, today you go up to battle against your enemies. Do not let your hearts faint, do not fear, and do not tremble, neither be terrified because of them. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD your God is He who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. <sup>5</sup>And the officers shall speak to the people saying, What man is there that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. <sup>6</sup>And what man is there that has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. <sup>7</sup>And what man is there that has become engaged to a wife and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her. <sup>8</sup>And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brothers' heart faint as well as his heart. <sup>9</sup>And when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

<sup>10</sup>When you come near a city to fight against it, then shout peace to it. <sup>11</sup>And if it makes the answer of peace and opens to you, then all the people found in it shall pay tax to you, and they shall serve you. <sup>12</sup>But if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it. <sup>13</sup>And when the LORD your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword. <sup>14</sup>But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that it is in the city, all the spoil of it, you shall take to yourself. And you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you. <sup>15</sup>So you shall do to all the cities which *are* very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. <sup>16</sup>But of the cities of these people, which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes. <sup>17</sup>But you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; as the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>18</sup>so that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done to their gods. So you would sin against the LORD your God.

<sup>19</sup>When you shall besiege a city a long time in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by forcing an axe against them. For you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man that it should go before you to lay siege? <sup>20</sup>Only the trees which you know that they are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down. And you shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>If one is found dead in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess it, lying in the field, and it is not known who has killed him, <sup>2</sup>then your elders and your judges shall come forth. And they shall measure to the cities which are around him who is dead. <sup>3</sup>And the city nearest to the slain one, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer which has not been worked with, which has not drawn in the yoke. <sup>4</sup>And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a rough valley, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley. <sup>5</sup>And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near. For the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to him, and to bless in the name of the LORD, and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*. <sup>6</sup>And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain one, shall wash their hands over the heifer that has been beheaded in the valley. <sup>7</sup>And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen. <sup>8</sup>Be merciful, O

LORD, to Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. <sup>9</sup>So you shall put away innocent blood from among you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When you go forth to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God has delivered them into your hands and you have taken them captive, <sup>11</sup>and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire to her, that you would have her for your wife, <sup>12</sup>then you shall bring her home to your house. And she shall shave her head and dress her nails. <sup>13</sup>And she shall put the clothing of her captivity off her, and shall remain in your house, and shall sorrow for her father and her mother a full month. And after that you shall go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. <sup>14</sup>And if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she will. But you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not make a slave of her, because you have humbled her. <sup>15</sup>If a man has two wives, one beloved and another hated, and they have borne him sons, the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son was of her that was hated, <sup>16</sup>then it shall be when he makes his sons to inherit what he has, he may not make the son of the beloved first-born before the son of the hated one, *he* who is *truly* the first-born. <sup>17</sup>But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has. For *he is* the beginning of his strength. The right of the first-born is his.

<sup>18</sup>If a man has a son who is stubborn and rebels, who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother and when they have chastened him he will not listen to them, <sup>19</sup>then his father and his mother shall lay hold on him and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place. <sup>20</sup>And they shall say to the elders of his city, this son of ours *is* stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our voice. *He is* a glutton and a drunkard. <sup>21</sup>And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones so that he dies. So shall you put evil away from you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

<sup>22</sup>And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and if he is put to death and you hang him on a tree, <sup>23</sup>his body shall not remain all night on the tree. But you shall surely bury him that day (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God), so that your land may not be defiled, which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray and hide yourself from them. You shall surely bring them again to your brother. <sup>2</sup>And if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it into your own house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks after it, and you shall give it back to him again. <sup>3</sup>In the same way you shall do with his ass. And so shall you do with his clothing. And with any lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found, you shall do the same. You may not hide yourself. <sup>4</sup>You shall not see your brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely help him to lift *them* up again.

<sup>5</sup>The woman shall not wear that which pertains to a man, neither shall a man put a woman's garment on. For all that do so *are* abominable to the LORD your God. <sup>6</sup>If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the dam with the young. <sup>7</sup>You shall in every case let the dam go and take the young for yourself, so that it may be well with you, and you may make *your* days longer. <sup>8</sup>When you build a new house, then you shall make

a guard rail for your roof, so that you do not bring blood on your house, if any man falls from there. <sup>9</sup>You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds, lest the fruit of your seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled. <sup>10</sup>You shall not plow with an ox and an ass together. <sup>11</sup>You shall not wear a garment of different kinds, of wool and linen together. <sup>12</sup>You shall make three tassels on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover.

<sup>13</sup>If any man takes a wife and goes in to her, and hates her, <sup>14</sup>and makes shameful charges against her, and brings up an evil name on her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I did not find her a maiden, <sup>15</sup>then shall the father of the girl, and her mother, take and bring tokens of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate. <sup>16</sup>And the girl's father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man to wife, and he hates her. <sup>17</sup>And, lo, he has made shameful charges against her, saying, I have not found your daughter a maiden. And yet these are tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. <sup>18</sup>And the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him. <sup>19</sup>And they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver, and give them to the father of the girl, because he has brought an evil name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife. He may not put her away all his days. <sup>20</sup>But if this thing is true and tokens of virginity are not found for the girl, <sup>21</sup>then they shall bring the girl out to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones so that she dies because she has done foolishness in Israel to play the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put evil away from among you.

<sup>22</sup>If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall put away evil from Israel. <sup>23</sup>If a girl *who is* a virgin is engaged to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, <sup>24</sup>then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them with stones that they die; the girl because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. So you shall put away evil from among you. <sup>25</sup>But if a man finds an engaged girl in the field, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man that lay with her shall die. <sup>26</sup>But you shall do nothing to the girl. No sin worthy of death *is* in the girl; for as when a man rises against his neighbor and slays him, even so *is* this matter. <sup>27</sup>For he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but there was none to save her.

<sup>28</sup>If a man finds a girl, a virgin not engaged, and lays hold on her, and lies with her, and they are found, <sup>29</sup>then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife. Because he has humbled her, he may not put her away all his days. <sup>30</sup>A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>He whose testicles are crushed, or who has his male member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. Even to his tenth generation he shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. Even to their tenth generation they shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD forever, <sup>4</sup>because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way when you came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor, of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. <sup>5</sup>But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse to a blessing to you, because the LORD your God loved you. <sup>6</sup>You shall not seek



their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. <sup>7</sup>You shall not despise an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not despise an Egyptian, because you were a stranger in his land. <sup>8</sup>The sons that are born to them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

<sup>9</sup>When the army goes forth against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing. <sup>10</sup>If there is among you *any* man who is not clean because of an accident at night, then he shall go outside the camp. He shall not come inside the camp. <sup>11</sup>And it shall be as evening turns, he shall wash with water. And when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp. <sup>12</sup>You shall also have a place outside the camp where you shall go forth. <sup>13</sup>And you shall have a paddle on your weapon. And when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover that which comes from you. <sup>14</sup>For the LORD your God walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore your camp shall be holy, so that He may see no unclean thing in you and turn away from you.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not deliver to his master the servant who has escaped from his master to you. <sup>16</sup>He shall live with you, among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of your gates, where it seems good to him. You shall not oppress him. <sup>17</sup>There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. <sup>18</sup>You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD your God for any vow. For even both these *are* hateful to the LORD your God.

<sup>19</sup>You shall not lend for interest to your brother, interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is loaned on interest. <sup>20</sup>You may lend on interest to a stranger, but you shall not lend on interest to your brother, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you set your hand to in the land where you go to possess it.

<sup>21</sup>When you shall vow a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not wait to pay it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin in you. <sup>22</sup>But if you shall cease to vow, it shall be no sin in you. <sup>23</sup>That which has gone out of your lips you shall keep and perform, *even* a free-will offering, according as you have vowed to the LORD your God, which you have promised with your mouth. <sup>24</sup>When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes to your fill at your own pleasure, but you shall not put *any* in your vessel. <sup>25</sup>When you come into the standing grain of your neighbor, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not move a sickle into your neighbor's standing grain.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her, then let him write her a bill of divorce and put *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house. <sup>2</sup>And when she has departed from his house, she may go and be another man's; <sup>3</sup>and the latter husband hates her and writes her a bill of divorcement and puts *it* in her hand and sends her out of his house; or the latter husband dies, he who took her *to be* his wife <sup>4</sup>her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after she is defiled. For that *is* hateful before the LORD. And you shall not cause the land to sin, which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance.

<sup>5</sup>When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business. He shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife whom he has taken. <sup>6</sup>No man shall take the lower or the upper

millstone to pledge, for he takes *a man's* life to pledge. <sup>7</sup>If a man is found stealing any of his brothers, the sons of Israel, and makes a slave of him, or sells him, then that thief shall die. And you shall put evil away from among you.

<sup>8</sup>Be careful in the plague of leprosy, that you watch carefully and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you. As I commanded them, you shall be careful to do. <sup>9</sup>Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam by the wayside, after you had come forth out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>When you loan anything to your brother, you shall not go into his house to bring forth his pledge. <sup>11</sup>You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you loan shall bring the pledge outside to you. <sup>12</sup>And if the man *is* poor, you shall not sleep with his pledge. <sup>13</sup>You shall certainly give back to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own clothing, and bless you. And it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not oppress a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, of your brothers, or of your strangers that are in your land within your gates. <sup>15</sup>At his day you shall give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down on it. For he *is* poor and sets his heart on it; lest he cry against you to the LORD, and it shall be sin to you. <sup>16</sup>The fathers shall not be put to death for the sons, neither shall the sons be put to death for the fathers. Every man shall be put to death for his own sin. <sup>17</sup>You shall not pervert the rightful judgment of the stranger *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's clothing to pledge. <sup>18</sup>But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

<sup>19</sup>When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to bring it. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup>When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. <sup>21</sup>When you gather the grapes from your vineyard, you shall not glean afterward. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. <sup>22</sup>And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and they have been judged, and the righteous one *is* declared righteous, and the wrongdoer declared guilty, <sup>2</sup>then it shall be, if the wrongdoer *is* worthy to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down and to fall down. And *one* shall strike him in his presence, enough for his wrong, by *a certain* number. <sup>3</sup>He may give him forty *stripes*, no more, lest he should exceed and beat him above these *with* many stripes, then your brother would be dishonored before your eyes.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not muzzle an ox when he treads out the grain. <sup>5</sup>If brothers live together, and one of them dies and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry outside to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as a wife for himself, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. <sup>6</sup>And it shall be, the first-born whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his dead brother, so that his name may not be put out of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name in Israel to his brother. He will not perform my levirate. <sup>8</sup>Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. And if he stands and says, I do not desire to take her, <sup>9</sup>then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of his elders, and take off his

shoe from his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house. <sup>10</sup>And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe taken off.

<sup>11</sup>When men strive together with one another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand and takes him by the secret parts, <sup>12</sup>then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye shall not pity.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a great *stone* and a small. <sup>14</sup> You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, a great *ephah* and a small. <sup>15</sup>You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure you shall have, so that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God gives you. <sup>16</sup>For all that do such things, all that do unrighteousness, *are* hateful to the LORD your God.

<sup>17</sup>Remember what Amalek did to you by the way, when you came forth out of Egypt, <sup>18</sup>how he met you by the way and struck those of you who were behind, all the feeble behind you, when you *were* faint and weary. And he did not fear God. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about in the land which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance to possess it, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And it shall be, when you have come into the land which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance, and possess it, and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth which you shall bring of your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put *it* in a basket, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest in those days, and say to him, I profess today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us. <sup>4</sup>And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>And you shall speak and say before the LORD your God, My father *was* a Syrian ready to perish. And he went down to Egypt, and stayed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and many. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians ill-treated us, and afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. <sup>7</sup>And when we cried to the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice and looked on our afflictions and our labor and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fearful might, and with miracles and with wonders. <sup>9</sup>And He has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which You, O LORD, have given me. And you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given to you, and to your house; you, and the Levite, and the stranger in your midst.

<sup>12</sup>When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given *it* to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow (that they may eat inside your gates and be filled), <sup>13</sup>then you shall say before the LORD your God, I have brought away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me. I have not broken Your commandments, neither have I forgotten. <sup>14</sup>I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I put *any* of it away

for unclean use, nor have I given of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. <sup>15</sup>Look down from Your holy dwelling, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.

<sup>16</sup>Today the LORD your God has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments. You therefore shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>17</sup>You have today said that the LORD is your God, and that you would walk in His ways, and keep His statutes and His commandments and His judgments, and listen to His voice. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD has taken you today to be His peculiar people, as He has promised you, and that you should keep all His commandments, <sup>19</sup>and to make you high above all nations which he has made, in praise and in name and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, even as He has spoken.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you today. <sup>2</sup>And it will be, on the day when you shall pass over Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall set up great stones and plaster them with plaster. <sup>3</sup>And you shall write on them all the words of the law when you have passed over, so that you may go in to the land which the LORD your God gives you, a land that flows *with* milk and honey, as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you. <sup>4</sup>Therefore when you have gone over Jordan, you shall set up these stones which I command you today, in Mount Ebal. And you shall plaster them with plaster. <sup>5</sup>And you shall build an altar there to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. You shall not lift up any iron tool on them. <sup>6</sup>You shall build the altar of the LORD your God *of* uncut stones, and you shall offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God. <sup>7</sup>And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup>And you shall write all the words of this law very plainly on the stones.

<sup>9</sup>And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying: Take heed and listen, O Israel. Today you have become the people of the LORD your God. <sup>10</sup>You shall therefore obey the voice of the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today. <sup>11</sup>And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, <sup>12</sup>These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people when you have come over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. <sup>13</sup>And these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup>And the Levites shall speak and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice, <sup>15</sup>Cursed is the man that makes any graven or molten image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and puts *it* in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. <sup>16</sup>Cursed is he who thinks lightly of his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>17</sup>Cursed is he who removes his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>18</sup>Cursed is he who makes the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>19</sup>Cursed is he who perverts the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>20</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he uncovers his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>21</sup>Cursed is he who lies with any kind of animal. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>22</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>23</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<sup>24</sup>Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>25</sup>Cursed is he who takes reward to kill an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. <sup>26</sup>Cursed is he who does not confirm all the words of this law, to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And it will be, if you shall listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe *and* to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup>And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you, if you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You *shall be* blessed in the city, and be blessed in the field. <sup>4</sup>The fruit of your body *shall be* blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep. <sup>5</sup>Your basket and your store *shall be* blessed. <sup>6</sup>You *shall be* blessed when you come in, and blessed when you go out.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. <sup>8</sup>The LORD shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses, and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. <sup>9</sup>The LORD shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. <sup>10</sup>And all the people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD shall prosper in goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>12</sup>The LORD shall open to you His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall loan to many nations, and you shall not borrow. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be always above, and you shall not be beneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, to observe and to do *them*. <sup>14</sup>And you shall not go aside from any of the words which I command you today, *to* the right hand or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

<sup>15</sup>And it shall be, if you will not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe and to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, all these curses shall come on you and overtake you. <sup>16</sup>You *shall be* cursed in the city, and cursed in the field. <sup>17</sup>Your basket and your store *shall be* cursed. <sup>18</sup>The fruit of your body *shall be* cursed, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep. <sup>19</sup>You shall be cursed when you come in, and cursed when you go out. <sup>20</sup>The LORD shall send on you cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings by which you have forsaken Me. <sup>21</sup>The LORD shall make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from off the land where you go to possess it. <sup>22</sup>The LORD shall strike you with lung disease and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew. And they shall pursue you until you perish. <sup>23</sup>And your heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that is under you iron. <sup>24</sup>The LORD shall make the rain of your land powder and dust. It shall come down from the heavens on you until you are destroyed. <sup>25</sup>The LORD shall cause you to be stricken before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a trembling to all the kingdoms of the earth. <sup>26</sup>And your body

shall be food to all birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth. And no man shall frighten *them* away.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with the itch, of which you cannot be healed. <sup>28</sup>The LORD shall strike you with madness and blindness, and astonishment of heart. <sup>29</sup>And you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall always be pressed down and spoiled forever, and no man shall save *you*. <sup>30</sup>You shall become engaged to a wife, and another man shall lie with her. You shall build a house, and you shall not live in it. You shall plant a vineyard, and you shall not gather the grapes of it. <sup>31</sup>Your ox *shall be* slain before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it. Your ass *shall be* violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you, your sheep given to your enemies, and you shall have none to rescue *them*. <sup>32</sup>Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail for them all the day long. And there shall be no power in your hand. <sup>33</sup>The fruit of your land, and all your labors, shall be eaten up by a nation which you do not know. And you shall always be oppressed and crushed, <sup>34</sup>and you shall be mad because of that which you shall see with the sight of your eyes. <sup>35</sup>The LORD shall strike you in the knees and in the legs with a sore boil that cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

<sup>36</sup>The LORD shall bring you, and your king which you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone. <sup>37</sup>And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a by-word among all nations where the LORD shall lead you. <sup>38</sup>You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather little in, for the locust shall eat it. <sup>39</sup>You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but shall neither drink the wine nor gather, for the worms shall eat them. <sup>40</sup>You shall have olive trees throughout all your coasts, but you shall not anoint with the oil, for your olive shall drop off *its fruit*. <sup>41</sup>You shall father sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity. <sup>42</sup>All your trees and the fruit of your land the locust shall possess. <sup>43</sup>The stranger within you shall get up above you very high, and you shall come down very low. <sup>44</sup>He shall loan to you, and you shall not loan to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. <sup>45</sup>And all these curses shall come on you, and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. <sup>46</sup>And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on your seed forever.

<sup>47</sup>Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all *things*; <sup>48</sup>therefore you shall serve your enemies which the LORD shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the lack of all *things*. And he shall put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. <sup>49</sup>The LORD shall bring a nation against you from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue you shall not understand, <sup>50</sup>a nation fierce of face who shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young. <sup>51</sup>And he shall eat the fruit of your cattle and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed. *He* shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your cows, or flocks of your sheep, until he has destroyed you. <sup>52</sup>And he shall besiege you in all your gates until your high and fenced walls in which you trusted come down, throughout all the land. And he shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. <sup>53</sup>And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, which the LORD your God has given you, in

the siege and in the difficulty with which your enemies shall distress you.<sup>54</sup> The man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his sons which he has left;<sup>55</sup> so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his sons whom he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him in the siege and in the difficulty with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates.<sup>56</sup> The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not have ventured to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,<sup>57</sup> and toward her young one who comes out from between her feet, and toward her sons whom she shall bear. For she shall eat them secretly for lack of all *things*, in the siege and straitness with which your enemies shall distress you in your gates.

<sup>58</sup>If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,<sup>59</sup> then the LORD will make your plagues remarkable, and the plagues of your seed, great and persistent plagues; with evil and long-lasting sicknesses.<sup>60</sup> Also, He will bring on you all the diseases of Egypt which you were afraid of. And they shall cling to you.<sup>61</sup> Also, every sickness and every plague which *is* not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring them on you until you are destroyed.<sup>62</sup> And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.<sup>63</sup> And it shall be, as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and to bring you to nothing. And you shall be plucked from off the land where you go to possess it.

<sup>64</sup>And the LORD shall scatter you among all people, from the one end of the earth even to the other, and you shall serve other gods there, which neither you nor your father have known, wood and stone.<sup>65</sup> And among these nations you shall find no ease, neither shall the sole of your foot have rest. But the LORD shall give you there a trembling heart and failing of eyes and sorrow of mind.<sup>66</sup> And your life shall hang in doubt before you, and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life.<sup>67</sup> In the morning you shall say, Oh that it were evening! And at evening you shall say, Oh that it were morning! — for the fear of your heart with which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.<sup>68</sup> And the LORD shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall see it no more again. And there you shall be sold to your enemies for men-slaves and women-slaves, and no man shall buy you.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>These *are* the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.<sup>2</sup> And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his servants, and to all his land.<sup>3</sup> Your eyes have seen the great temptations, the signs, and those great miracles.<sup>4</sup> Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until today.<sup>5</sup> And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not become old on you, and your shoe has not become old on your foot.<sup>6</sup> You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink, so that you might know that I *am* the LORD your God.<sup>7</sup> And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them.<sup>8</sup> And we took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites

and to the Gadites and to the half tribe of Manasseh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, keep the words of this covenant and do them, so that you may prosper in all that you do.

<sup>10</sup>You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, <sup>11</sup>your little ones, your wives, and your stranger that *is* in your camp, from the cutter of your wood to the drawer of your water; <sup>12</sup>so that you should enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes you today; <sup>13</sup>that He may establish you today for a people to Himself, and *that* He may be a God to you, as He has said to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>14</sup>Nor do I make this covenant and this oath with you only, <sup>15</sup>but with *him* who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that is not here with us today. <sup>16</sup>(For you know how we have lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations which you passed. <sup>17</sup>And you have seen their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them) <sup>18</sup>lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you today a root that bears gall and wormwood, <sup>19</sup>and lest it come to pass, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst. <sup>20</sup>The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie on him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD shall set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law; <sup>22</sup>so that the generation to come of your sons that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say (when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it) <sup>23</sup>the whole land shall be burned *with* brimstone, and salt; it shall not be sown; nor shall it sprout; nor shall there be any grass in it. *It shall be like* the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath, <sup>24</sup>even all nations shall say, Why has the LORD done this to this land? *For what is* the heat of this great anger? <sup>25</sup>Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt. <sup>26</sup>For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods whom they did not know, and who had not given to them any portion. <sup>27</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring on it all the curses that are written in this book. <sup>28</sup>And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* today.

<sup>29</sup>The secret things *belong* to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed *belong* to us and to our sons forever, so that *we* may do all the words of this law.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and when you shall call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup>and shall return to the LORD your God and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, with all your heart, and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup>then the LORD your God will turn your captivity. And He will have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup>If



you are driven out into the outermost parts of the heavens, the LORD your God will gather you from there, and He will bring you from there. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those that hate you, who persecuted you. <sup>8</sup>And you shall return and, obey the voice of the LORD, and do all His commandments which I command you today. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD your God will make you have plenty in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your fathers; <sup>10</sup>if you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>For this commandment which I command you today is not hidden from you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup>It is not in Heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to Heaven, and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and do it? <sup>13</sup>Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and do it? <sup>14</sup>But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may do it.

<sup>15</sup>Behold! I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil, <sup>16</sup>in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, so that you may live and multiply. And the LORD your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days on the land where you pass over Jordan to go to possess it. <sup>19</sup>I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live, <sup>20</sup>so that you may love the LORD your God, and that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, so that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, I am a hundred twenty years old today. I can no more go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, You shall not go over this Jordan. <sup>3</sup>The LORD your God will go over before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them. Joshua shall go over before you, as the LORD has said. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD shall do to them as He did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to the land of those whom He destroyed. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD shall give them up before your face, so that you may do to them according to the commandments which I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and of a good courage. Do not fear nor be afraid of them. For the LORD your God is He who goes with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you. <sup>7</sup>And Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage. For you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD is He who goes

before you. He will be with you; He will not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear; nor be dismayed.

<sup>9</sup>And Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup>And Moses commanded them, saying: At the end of seven years, at the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, <sup>11</sup>when all Israel has come to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. <sup>12</sup>Gather the people together, men and women and sons, and your stranger who is within your gates, so that they may hear and that they may learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, <sup>13</sup>and that their sons who have not known may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land where you go over Jordan to possess it.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Behold, your days are coming near when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, so that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went. And they presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud. And the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers. And this people shall rise up and go lusting after the gods of the strangers of the land into which they are going, into their midst. And they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. <sup>17</sup>Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them. And I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come on us because our God is not among us? <sup>18</sup>And I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods. <sup>19</sup>And now, therefore, write this song for you, and teach it to the sons of Israel. Put it in their mouths so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel. <sup>20</sup>For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, the land that flows with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and have become fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and provoke Me and break My covenant. <sup>21</sup>And it happened when many evils and troubles have befallen them, this song shall testify against them as a witness. For it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed. For I know their imagination which they do, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

<sup>22</sup>And Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel. <sup>23</sup>And he commanded Joshua the son of Nun, and said: Be strong and of a good courage. For you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and I will be with you. <sup>24</sup>And it happened when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, <sup>25</sup>Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, <sup>26</sup>Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, so that it may be there for a witness against you. <sup>27</sup>For I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the LORD. And how much more after my death? <sup>28</sup>Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, so that I may speak these words in their ears, and call Heaven and earth to record against them. <sup>29</sup>For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because

you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.

<sup>30</sup>And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until their conclusion.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall drop down as the dew, as the small rain on the tender plant, and as the showers on the grass; <sup>3</sup>because I will proclaim the name of the LORD, ascribe greatness to our God. <sup>4</sup>*He is the Rock; His work is perfect. For all His ways are just, a God of faithfulness, and without evil; just and upright is He.* <sup>5</sup>They have corrupted themselves; *they are not His sons; it is their blemish; they are a crooked and perverse generation.*

<sup>6</sup>Do you thus give back to the LORD, O foolish people? Is He not your Father who bought you? *Has He not made you and established you?* <sup>7</sup>Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. <sup>8</sup>When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the sons of Israel. <sup>9</sup>For the LORD's portion *is His people. Jacob is the lot of His inheritance.* <sup>10</sup>He found him in a desert land, and in the deserted, howling wilderness. He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. <sup>11</sup>As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them and bears them on her wings, <sup>12</sup>the LORD alone led him, and there was no strange god with him. <sup>13</sup>He made him ride on the high places of the earth, so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock, <sup>14</sup>butter from cows, and milk from sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat. And you drank the pure blood of the grape.

<sup>15</sup>But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked. You grew fat, thick, *and satisfied.* Then he forsook God *who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.* <sup>16</sup>They provoked Him to jealousy with strange *gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger.* <sup>17</sup>They sacrificed to devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new ones newly come up, whom your fathers did not fear. <sup>18</sup>You are not mindful of the Rock who brought you forth, and have forgotten God who formed you. <sup>19</sup>And when the LORD saw it, He despised them because of the provoking of His sons and of His daughters. <sup>20</sup>And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end shall be. For they are a very perverse generation, sons in whom is no faithfulness. <sup>21</sup>They have moved Me to jealousy with a no-god. They have provoked Me to anger with their vanities. And I will move them to jealousy with a no-people. I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. <sup>22</sup>For a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with its increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. <sup>23</sup>I will heap mischief on them. I will spend My arrows on them. <sup>24</sup>Exhaustion by famine, and consumed by burning heat, and destruction, and the teeth of beasts I will send on them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. <sup>25</sup>The sword outside, and the terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of grey hairs.

<sup>26</sup>I said I would dash them to pieces; I would make the memory of them to cease from among men, <sup>27</sup>were it not the provocation of an enemy I feared, lest their enemies should misconstrue; lest they should say, Our hand *is high and the LORD has not done all this.* <sup>28</sup>For they *are a nation without wisdom, neither is*

there any understanding in them. <sup>29</sup>If they were wise, they would understand this; they would consider their latter end! <sup>30</sup>How shall one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them and the LORD had shut them up? <sup>31</sup>For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges. <sup>32</sup>For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are grapes of gall. Their clusters are bitter. <sup>33</sup>Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of asps. <sup>34</sup>*Is* not this laid up in store with Me and sealed up among My treasures? <sup>35</sup>Vengeance and retribution *belong* to Me. Their foot shall slide in time, for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come on them make haste. <sup>36</sup>For the LORD shall judge His people and turn Himself around for His servants when He sees that *their* power is gone, and only the imprisoned and the abandoned *remain*. <sup>37</sup>And He shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted? <sup>38</sup>Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you; let it be your hiding place.

<sup>39</sup>See now that I, *I am* He, and there is no god with me. I kill, and I make alive — I wound and I heal; and there is no deliverer of My hand. <sup>40</sup>For I lift up My hand to Heaven and say, I live forever! <sup>41</sup>If I sharpen My glittering sword, and if My hand takes hold in judgment, I will give vengeance to My enemies and will reward those that hate Me. <sup>42</sup>I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the hairy scalp of the enemy.

<sup>43</sup>Rejoice, O, nations, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His foes and will be merciful to His land, to His people.

<sup>44</sup>And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>45</sup>And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel. <sup>46</sup>And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your sons to observe and to do, all the words of this law. <sup>47</sup>For it *is* not a vain thing for you, because it *is* your life. And by this you shall prolong *your* days in the land where you go over Jordan, there to possess it.

<sup>48</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses that same day, saying, <sup>49</sup>Go up into Mount Abarim, to Mount Nebo in the land of Moab, which *is* opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession. <sup>50</sup>And die in the mountain where you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, <sup>51</sup>because you sinned against Me among the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not sanctify Me in the midst of the sons of Israel. <sup>52</sup>Yet you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there to the land which *I am* giving to the sons of Israel.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>And this is the blessing *with* which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death. <sup>2</sup>And he said: The LORD came from Sinai and rose up from Seir to them. He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints. From His right hand *went* a fiery law for them. <sup>3</sup>Yea, He loved the people. All His saints are in Your hand, and they sat down at Your feet. Everyone shall receive of Your words. <sup>4</sup>Moses commanded us a law, the inheritance of the congregation. <sup>5</sup>And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

<sup>6</sup>Let Reuben live and not die, and let not his men be few. <sup>7</sup>And this for Judah: And he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people. Let his hands be sufficient for him, and You shall be a help to him from his enemies. <sup>8</sup>And of Levi he said, Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one whom You proved at Massah; You strove with him at the waters of Meribah, <sup>9</sup>who said to his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; and he has not acknowledged his brothers, nor knew his own son, for they have observed Your word and kept Your covenant. <sup>10</sup>Let them teach Jacob Your judgments, and Israel Your law. Let them put incense before You and whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar. <sup>11</sup>O, LORD, bless what is his, and accept the work of his hands. Strike through the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they should not rise again.

<sup>12</sup>Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall live in safety beside Him, and shall cover him all the day long, and He shall live between his shoulders. <sup>13</sup>And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD *be* his land, with the precious things of the heavens, for the dew, and for the deep that crouches beneath, <sup>14</sup>and for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by *the* moon, <sup>15</sup>and with the first of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the everlasting hills, <sup>16</sup>and for the precious things of the earth and fullness of it, and for the good-will of Him who lived in the Bush. Let the blessing come on the head of Joseph, and on the top of the head of him who was separated from his brothers. <sup>17</sup>His glory *is* like the first-born of his bull, and his horns are like the horns of an ox. With them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth. And they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

<sup>18</sup>And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and, Issachar in your tents. <sup>19</sup>They shall call the people to the mountain. There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness, for they shall suck the bounty of the seas and treasures hidden in the sand. <sup>20</sup>And of Gad he said, Blessed *is* he who makes Gad greater. He lives as a lion and tears the arm with the crown of the head. <sup>21</sup>And he provided the first part for himself, because there was the portion of the lawgiver hidden. And he came *with* the heads of the people. He executed the justice of the LORD, and His judgments with Israel. <sup>22</sup>And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp. He shall leap from Bashan. <sup>23</sup>And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD, possess the west and the south. <sup>24</sup>And of Asher he said, Asher *shall be* blessed with sons, let him be pleasing to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. <sup>25</sup>Your shoes shall be iron and bronze. And as your days, so shall your strength be.

<sup>26</sup>There is none like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heaven to your help, and in His majesty on the clouds. <sup>27</sup>The eternal God *is* your refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms. And He shall throw the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy! <sup>28</sup>And Israel shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob in a land of grain and wine; and his heavens *shall* drop down dew. <sup>29</sup>Blessed *are* you, O Israel! Who *is* like you, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and who *is* the sword of your excellency! And your enemies shall be found liars to you, and you shall tread on their high places.

### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah that is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilcad, to Dan, <sup>2</sup>and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the furthest sea, <sup>3</sup>and the south, and the plain of the valley

of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there. <sup>5</sup>And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor. But no man knows of his grave to today. <sup>7</sup>And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor had he lost any of his natural strength.

<sup>8</sup>And the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. And the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the sons of Israel listened to him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And never since has a prophet like Moses arisen in Israel, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>in all the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the eyes of all Israel.

# THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, <sup>2</sup>My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land which I give to them, to the sons of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and of good courage. For you shall divide the land for an inheritance to this people, the land which I swore to their fathers, to give it to them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous so that you may be careful to do according to all the law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it *to the right hand or to the left*, so that you may be blessed wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your hand, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way blessed, and then you shall have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. For the LORD your God *is* with you in all *places* where you go.

<sup>10</sup>Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people saying, <sup>11</sup>Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare food for yourselves, for within three days you *are* crossing over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess it.

<sup>12</sup>And Joshua spoke to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to half the tribe of Manasseh, saying: <sup>13</sup>Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you saying, The LORD your God has given you rest and has given you this land. <sup>14</sup>Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan. But you shall go armed before your brothers, all the mighty men of valor, and help them <sup>15</sup>until the LORD has given your brothers rest, even as you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God gives them; and you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan, towards the sunrise. <sup>16</sup>And they answered Joshua, saying: We will do all that you command us, and wherever you send us we will go. <sup>17</sup>Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so we will listen to you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. <sup>18</sup>Whoever rebels against your command and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and of a good courage.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go look over the land, even Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab. And they stayed there. <sup>2</sup>And the king of Jericho was told about it, saying, Behold, men from the sons of Israel came in here tonight, to search out the country. <sup>3</sup>And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men that have come to you, those who have entered into your house. For they have come to search out all the country. <sup>4</sup>And the woman took the two men and hid them. And she said, Two men came to me, but I did not know where they

came from. <sup>5</sup>And it happened when it was dark, at the time of shutting the gate, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Go after them quickly, for you shall overtake them. <sup>6</sup>But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and had hidden them with the stalks of flax which she had laid in order upon the roof. <sup>7</sup>And the men went after them on the way to Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as they who went after them had gone out, they shut the gate.

<sup>8</sup>And before they had laid down, she came up to them on the roof. <sup>9</sup>And she said to the men, I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that your terror has fallen on us, and that all those who live in the land faint because of you. <sup>10</sup>For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. <sup>11</sup>And we had heard, and our hearts melted, nor did any more spirit remain in any man, because of you. For the LORD your God, He *is* God in Heaven above and in earth beneath. <sup>12</sup>Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you will also show kindness to my father's house. And give me a true token, <sup>13</sup>and shall save alive my father and my mother, and my brothers and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. <sup>14</sup>And the men answered her, Our life shall be for yours, if you do not tell our business. And when the LORD has given us the land, we will deal kindly and truly with you.

<sup>15</sup>Then she let them go down by a cord through the window. For her house *was* on the town wall, and she lived on the wall. <sup>16</sup>And she said to them, Get up into the mountain lest the pursuers meet you. And hide yourselves there three days until they have returned. And afterward you may go your way. <sup>17</sup>And the men said to her, We will *be* blameless of this oath to you which you have made us swear. <sup>18</sup>Behold, when we come into the land, you shall set this line of scarlet thread in the window from which you let us down. And you shall bring your father and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be, whoever shall go out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his head, and we *will be* blameless. And whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head if a hand is on him. <sup>20</sup>And it shall be, if you tell our business, then we will be free of the oath which you have made us swear to you. <sup>21</sup>And she said, Let it *be* according to your word. And she sent them away, and they departed. And she set the scarlet line in the window.

<sup>22</sup>And they went and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days until those who went after them had returned. And those who went after them looked for them throughout all the way, but did not find *them*. <sup>23</sup>And the two men returned. And they went down from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun. And they told him all that happened to them. <sup>24</sup>And they said to Joshua, Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for even all those who live in the country faint because of us.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And Joshua rose early in the morning. And they moved from Shittim and came to Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>And it happened after three days the officers went through the host. <sup>3</sup>And *they* commanded the people saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place and go after it. <sup>4</sup>Yet there shall be a space, about two thousand cubits by measure, between you and it. Do not come near it, so that you may know the way by which you must go. For you have not passed *this* way before now. <sup>5</sup>And



Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you. <sup>6</sup>And Joshua spoke to the priests saying, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Today, I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel so that they may know that I will be with you, as I was with Moses. <sup>8</sup>And you shall command the priests that carry the ark of the covenant, saying, When you have come to the brink of the water of Jordan, you shall stand *still* in Jordan. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, Come here and hear the words of the LORD your God. <sup>10</sup>And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God *is* among you, and He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. <sup>11</sup>Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into Jordan. <sup>12</sup>And now take yourselves twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. <sup>13</sup>And it shall be, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above. And they shall stand all in a heap.

<sup>14</sup>And it happened, when the people moved from their tents to pass over Jordan, and as the priests carried the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as those who bore the ark had come to Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bore the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for Jordan overflows all its banks, all the time of harvest); <sup>16</sup>that the waters which came down from above stopped and rose up all in a heap, very far from the city Adam that *is* beside Zaretan. And those that came down toward the sea of the plain, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over right across from Jericho. <sup>17</sup>And the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of Jordan. And all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people had passed completely over Jordan.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when all the people had completely passed over the Jordan, the LORD spoke to Joshua saying, <sup>2</sup>Take twelve men for you out of the people, a man out of every tribe, <sup>3</sup>and command them saying, Take twelve stones from here, out of the middle of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm. And you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the place where you shall stay tonight. <sup>4</sup>Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had prepared from the sons of Israel, a man out of every tribe. <sup>5</sup>And Joshua said to them, Pass over in front of the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. And every man take a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, <sup>6</sup>so that this may be a sign to you when your sons ask in time to come, saying, What do you *mean* by these stones? <sup>7</sup>Then you shall answer them, The waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off, and these stones shall be for a memorial to the sons of Israel forever. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Israel did as Joshua commanded. And they took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they stayed, and laid them down there. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of Jordan, in the place *where* the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant, stood. And they are there to this day. <sup>10</sup>For the priests who bore the

ark stood in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished, all that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and passed over.

<sup>11</sup>And it happened, when all the people had completely passed over, the ark of the LORD and the priests *passed over* before the people. <sup>12</sup>And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed in front of the sons of Israel, as Moses spoke to them; <sup>13</sup>about forty thousand armed men of the army passed over before the LORD, to the plains of Jericho.

<sup>14</sup>On that day the LORD made Joshua great in the sight of all Israel. And they feared him, even as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, <sup>16</sup>Command the priests who bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. <sup>17</sup>Joshua, therefore, commanded the priests saying, Come up out of the Jordan. <sup>18</sup>And it happened, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, the soles of the feet of the priests *were* lifted up to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks, as before. <sup>19</sup>And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth of the first month, and camped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup>And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua pitched in Gilgal. <sup>21</sup>And he spoke to the sons of Israel saying, When your sons shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones *mean*? <sup>22</sup>Then you shall let your sons know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you until you had passed over, even as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea which He dried up from before us until we had gone over; <sup>24</sup>so that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty and so that you might fear the LORD your God forever.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan in front of the sons of Israel until we had passed over, that their hearts melted. Neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the sons of Israel.

<sup>2</sup>At that time the LORD said to Joshua, Make sharp knives for yourselves and circumcise the sons of Israel again, the second time. <sup>3</sup>And Joshua made sharp knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. <sup>4</sup>And this *is* the reason why Joshua circumcised. All the people that came out of Egypt, the males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the wayside, after they came out of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>For all the people who came out were circumcised. But all the people born in the wilderness by the wayside, as they came forth out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. <sup>6</sup>For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the people, the men of war, who came out of Egypt, were destroyed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD. To them the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD swore to their fathers that He would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>7</sup>And Joshua circumcised their sons, *whom* He raised up in their place. For they were not circumcised, because they had not been circumcised by the wayside. <sup>8</sup>And when they had finished circumcising all the people, it came to pass that they stayed in their places in the camp until they were well.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>And the sons of Israel camped in Gilgal and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>And they ate of the old grain of the land on the next day after the Passover, unleavened cakes and roasted *grain* in the same day. <sup>12</sup>And the manna stopped on the next day after they had eaten the old grain of the land. And there was no more manna to the sons of Israel, but they ate the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

<sup>13</sup>And it happened, when Joshua was beside Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, there stood a Man over against him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, *Are You* for us, or for our foes? <sup>14</sup>And He said, No, but I have come *as* the Captain of the army of the LORD. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth. And he worshiped and said to Him, What does my Lord say to His servant? <sup>15</sup>And the Captain of the LORD's army said to Joshua, Take your shoe off your foot, for the place on which you stand *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And Jericho was completely shut up because of the sons of Israel. None went out and none came in. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and the king of it, *and* the mighty men of war. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go around the city, all the men of war. Go around the city once. So you shall do for six days. <sup>4</sup>And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. And the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each man straight before him. <sup>6</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the people, Pass on, and go around the city. And let him who is armed pass on in front of the ark of the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD and blew the trumpets. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. <sup>9</sup>And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the trumpets. And the gathering army came after the ark, as *the priests* were going on and blowing with the trumpets. <sup>10</sup>And Joshua had commanded the people saying, You shall not shout nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word come out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout. <sup>11</sup>And the ark of the LORD went around the city, going around it once. And they came into the camp and stayed in the camp. <sup>12</sup>And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And seven priests carrying seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on without stopping and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went in front of them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD as *the priests* were going on and blowing with the trumpets. <sup>14</sup>And the second day they went around the city once, and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

<sup>15</sup>And it happened on the seventh day they rose early, at the dawning of the day, and circled the city in the same way seven times. Only on that day did they go around the city seven times. <sup>16</sup>And it happened, at the seventh time, when the priest blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! <sup>17</sup>And the city shall be devoted to the LORD, it and all in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all with her in the house, because she

hid the messengers that we sent. <sup>18</sup>And you surely shall keep yourselves from the cursed thing, lest you make yourselves cursed when you take of the cursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. <sup>19</sup>But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* devoted to the LORD. They shall come into the treasury of the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, each man straight before him. And they took the city. <sup>21</sup>And they completely destroyed all in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

<sup>22</sup>And Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring the woman out from there, and all that she has, as you swore to her. <sup>23</sup>And the young men who were spies went in and brought Rahab out, and her father and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had. And they brought out all her kindred and left them outside the camp of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And they burned the city with fire, and all that *was* in it. Only the silver and the gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had. And she lives in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

<sup>26</sup>And Joshua charged *them* at that time saying, Cursed before the LORD *is* the man who rises up and builds this city of Jericho. He shall lay the foundation of it in his first-born, and in his youngest son he shall set up the gates of it.

<sup>27</sup>And the LORD was with Joshua. And his fame was throughout all the country.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>But the sons of Israel committed a sin in the cursed thing. For Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the thing which was cursed. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against the sons of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Bethel. And he spoke to them, saying, Go up and look over the country. And the men went up and looked at Ai. <sup>3</sup>And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Let not all the people go up. But let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people labor there, for they *are* few. <sup>4</sup>And about three thousand men of the people went up there. And they fled before the men of Ai. <sup>5</sup>And the men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them, for they chased them from before the gate to Shebarim, and struck them in the road going down. Therefore the hearts of the people melted and became as water. <sup>6</sup>And Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust on their heads. <sup>7</sup>And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, why have You at all brought this people over Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? And, oh that we had been content and lived on the other side Jordan! <sup>8</sup>O, Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns their backs before their enemies? <sup>9</sup>For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear, and shall surround us, and shall cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you lie on your face this way?

<sup>11</sup>Israel has sinned, and they have also broken My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken of the cursed things, and have also stolen and pretended falsely. And they have even put *it* among their own stuff. <sup>12</sup>And the sons of Israel could not stand before their enemies. They *will* turn *their* backs

before their enemies, because they have become cursed. I will not be with you again, unless you destroy the one who is cursed from among you. <sup>13</sup>Up! Sanctify the people and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow. For thus says the LORD God of Israel, A cursed thing *is* in the midst of you, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the cursed thing from among you. <sup>14</sup>And in the morning, you shall be brought according to your tribes. And the tribe which the LORD takes shall come, according to its families. And the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households. And the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. <sup>15</sup>And it shall be, he who is taken with the cursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all he has, because he has broken the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done wickedness in Israel. <sup>16</sup>And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes. And the tribe of Judah was taken. <sup>17</sup>And he brought the families of Judah. And he took the family of the Zarahites. And he took the family of the Zarahites man by man. And Zabdi was taken. <sup>18</sup>And he brought his household man by man. And Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerach, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. <sup>19</sup>And Joshua said to Achan, My son, I pray you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him. And tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me. <sup>20</sup>And Achan answered Joshua and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done. <sup>21</sup>When I saw among the spoil a goodly robe of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, I coveted them and took them. And behold, they *are* hidden in the earth in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

<sup>22</sup>And Joshua sent messengers, and they ran into the tent. And behold, *it* was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it. <sup>23</sup>And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the sons of Israel. And they laid them out before the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerach, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had. And they brought them to the valley of Achor. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? The LORD shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. <sup>26</sup>And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. And the LORD turned from the greatness of His anger. Therefore, the name of that valley *is* called, The valley of Achor, to this day.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not fear, nor be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land. <sup>2</sup>And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil, and its cattle, you shall take for a prize for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it. <sup>3</sup>So Joshua and all the people of war arose to go up against Ai. And Joshua chose out thirty thousand men of war and sent them away by night. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in wait, opposite the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. <sup>5</sup>And I, and all the people with me, shall go toward the city. And it shall be, when they come out against us, as at the first, we will flee before them, <sup>6</sup>(for they will come out after us,) until we have drawn them out of the city. For they will say, They flee before us, even as at the first. And we will flee before them. <sup>7</sup>Then you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize on the city; for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. <sup>8</sup>And

it shall be, when you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire, according to the command of the LORD you shall do. See, I have commanded you. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua sent them out. And they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai. But Joshua stayed that night among the people.

<sup>10</sup>And Joshua rose up early in the morning and counted the people. And they went up, he and the elders of Israel, to Ai. <sup>11</sup>And all the people of war with him went up and drew near. And they came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai. And a valley *was* between them and Ai. <sup>12</sup>And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. <sup>13</sup>And when they had set the people, all the army that was on the north of the city, and those of them who lay in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the middle of the valley. <sup>14</sup>And it happened, when the king of Ai saw, they hurried and rose up early. And the men of the city went out to do battle against Israel, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the plain. But he did not know that there were some lying in ambush against him behind the city. <sup>15</sup>And Joshua and all Israel acted as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. <sup>16</sup>And all the people in Ai were called together to run after them. And they ran after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. <sup>17</sup>And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, who did not go after Israel. And they left the city open, and ran after Israel.

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Stretch out the spear in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear in his hand toward the city. <sup>19</sup>And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand. And they entered into the city, and took it, and hurried and set the city on fire. <sup>20</sup>And the men of Ai looked behind them and saw. And, behold, the smoke of the city went up into the sky, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. And the people who fled to the wilderness turned back on those who ran after them. <sup>21</sup>And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city went up, then they turned again and killed the men of Ai. <sup>22</sup>And the others came out of the city against them. So they were in the middle of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. And they struck them so that they let none of them remain or escape. <sup>23</sup>And they took the king of Ai, and brought him to Joshua.

<sup>24</sup>And it happened, when Israel had made an end of killing all those who lived in Ai, in the field and in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they had all fallen on the edge of the sword until they were gone, all the Israelites returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. <sup>25</sup>And all who fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, all the men of Ai. <sup>26</sup>For Joshua did not draw his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the people of Ai. <sup>27</sup>Only Israel took the cattle and the spoil of that city for a prize for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He commanded Joshua. <sup>28</sup>And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a ruin to this day. <sup>29</sup>And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. And as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his body down from the tree and throw it down at the entrance to the gate of the city, and raise on it a great heap of stones, to this day.

<sup>30</sup>Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, <sup>31</sup>as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones over which no man has lifted *any* iron. And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. <sup>32</sup>And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the sons of Israel. <sup>33</sup>And all Israel, and their

elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark, and on that side, before the priests the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as he that was born among them, half of them over against Mount Gerizim, and half of them over against Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before that they should bless all the people of Israel.<sup>34</sup> And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.<sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women and the little ones, and the strangers that walked among them.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when all the kings who *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon heard, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, <sup>2</sup>they all, with one mind, gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>And when those who lived in Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, <sup>4</sup>they worked slyly. For they came and acted as if they were ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their asses, and old and torn and bound up wineskins, <sup>5</sup>and old and patched sandals on their feet, and old clothes on them. And all the bread they had taken was dry and moldy. <sup>6</sup>And *they* went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country. Now therefore, make a treaty with us. <sup>7</sup>And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you are living among us, and how shall we make a treaty with you? <sup>8</sup>And they said to Joshua, We *are* your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who *are* you, and from where do you come? <sup>9</sup>And they said to him, Your servants have come from a very far country, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard of His fame and all that He did in Egypt, <sup>10</sup>and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who *was* at Ashtaroth. <sup>11</sup>And our elders and all those who live in our country spoke to us saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them. Say to them, We *are* your servants. And now make a treaty with us. <sup>12</sup>We took this bread hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came out to go to you. But now, see, *it is* dry, and it is moldy. <sup>13</sup>And these wineskins which we filled were new. And, see, they are torn. And these clothes and shoes of ours have become old because of the very long journey. <sup>14</sup>And they received the men because of their provisions, and did not ask at the mouth of the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And Joshua made peace with them, and made a treaty with them, to let them live. And the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

<sup>16</sup>And it happened at the end of three days after they had made a treaty with them, they heard that they *were* their neighbors and that they lived among them. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. <sup>18</sup>And the sons of Israel did not strike them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the rulers. <sup>19</sup>But all the rulers said to the congregation, We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. Now, therefore, we may not touch them. <sup>20</sup>This we will do to them. We will even let them live, lest wrath be on us because of the oath which we swore to them. <sup>21</sup>And the rulers said to them, Let them live, but

let them be woodcutters and drawers of water to all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them.

<sup>22</sup>And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you fooled us saying, We are very far from you, when you dwell among us? <sup>23</sup>And now you *are* cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being slaves and woodcutters and drawers of water for the house of my God. <sup>24</sup>And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told your servants how the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all those who lived in the land from before you; therefore, we were very much afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, we are in your hand. As it seems good and right to you to do to us, do it. <sup>26</sup>And so he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the sons of Israel, so that they did not kill them. <sup>27</sup>And Joshua made them that day woodcutters and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even to this day, in the place which He should choose.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when Adoni-bezek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, <sup>2</sup>they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all of its men *were* mighty. <sup>3</sup>And Adoni-bezek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, <sup>4</sup>Come up to me, and help me, so that we may strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together. And they went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon, and made war against it. <sup>6</sup>And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Do not withhold your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us. For all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us. <sup>7</sup>So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of war.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. There shall not a man of them stand before you. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua came to them suddenly, coming up from Gilgal all night. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD troubled them before Israel, and killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Beth-horon, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makedah. <sup>11</sup>And it happened, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the descent of Beth-horon, the LORD cast down great stones from the heavens on them to Azekah, and they died. *The* many who died from hailstones *were* more than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

<sup>12</sup>Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun! Stand still on Gibeon! And, moon! *Stay* in the valley of Aijalon! <sup>13</sup>And the sun *stood* still, and the moon *stayed*, until the people had avenged themselves on their enemies. *Is* this not written in the book of Jasher? And the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens, and did not hasten to go down about a whole day. <sup>14</sup>And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD listened to the voice of a man. For the LORD fought for Israel.



<sup>15</sup>And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal. <sup>16</sup>But these five kings fled and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. <sup>17</sup>And it was told to Joshua, saying, The five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah. <sup>18</sup>And Joshua said, Roll great stones on the mouth of the cave, and set men by it in order to keep them. <sup>19</sup>And do not stay. Pursue your enemies and strike the ones who are behind. Do not allow them to enter into their cities. For the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand. <sup>20</sup>And it happened, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had made an end of killing them *with* a very great slaughter until they were gone, the rest of those who remained entered into fortified cities. <sup>21</sup>And all the people returned in peace to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah. None moved his tongue against any of the sons of Israel.

<sup>22</sup>And Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me. <sup>23</sup>And they did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. <sup>24</sup>And it happened, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, he called for all the men of Israel. And he said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings. And they came up and put their feet on their necks. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua said to them, Do not fear nor be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage. For so shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom you fight. <sup>26</sup>And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until the evening. <sup>27</sup>And it happened at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees and threw them into the cave in which they had been hidden, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day. <sup>28</sup>And that day Joshua took Makkedah and struck it with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed the king of it, them, and every soul in it. He let none remain. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

<sup>29</sup>And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah. <sup>30</sup>And the LORD delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every soul in it. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho. <sup>31</sup>And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and camped against it, and fought against it. <sup>32</sup>And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and every soul in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

<sup>33</sup>Then Horam, king of Gezer, came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people until he had left him none remaining. <sup>34</sup>And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him. And they camped against it and fought against it. <sup>35</sup>And they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword; and every soul in it he completely destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. <sup>36</sup>And Joshua went on from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron. And they fought against it. <sup>37</sup>And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and every soul in it. He left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but destroyed it, and all the souls that were in it.

<sup>38</sup>And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it. <sup>39</sup>And he took it, and its king, and all its cities. And they struck them with the edge of the sword, and destroyed every soul in it. He left none remaining. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king, as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king. <sup>40</sup>And Joshua struck all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the valley, and of the springs, and all their kings. He left none

remaining, but destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded. <sup>41</sup>And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even to Gaza, and all the land of Goshen, even to Gibeon. <sup>42</sup>And Joshua took all these kings and their land at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. <sup>43</sup>And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

#### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Jabin, king of Hazor, had heard, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, <sup>2</sup>and to the kings on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, <sup>3</sup>and to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh. <sup>4</sup>And they went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, even as the sand on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. <sup>5</sup>And when all these kings had met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver them up; all killed before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire. <sup>7</sup>And Joshua came suddenly, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom. And they fell on them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them to great Sidon, and to the salt pits, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward. And they struck them until they left them none remaining. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua did to them as the LORD commanded him. He hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup>And Joshua at that time turned back and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword. For Hazor formerly *was* the head of all those kingdoms. <sup>11</sup>And they struck every soul in it with the edge of the sword, destroying *them*. And he left none breathing. And he burned Hazor with fire. <sup>12</sup>And Joshua took all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them. And he struck them with the edge of the sword. He destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. <sup>13</sup>But Israel did not burn any of them, the cities that stood in their strength, except Hazor only. Joshua did burn *it*. <sup>14</sup>And all the spoil of these cities and the cattle the sons of Israel took for a prize to themselves. But they struck every man with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They left none breathing.

<sup>15</sup>As the LORD commanded Moses His servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>16</sup>So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountains of Israel, and its lowlands, <sup>17</sup>even from mount Halak that goes up to Seir, even to Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon. And he took all their kings, and struck them and killed them. <sup>18</sup>Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. <sup>19</sup>There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All others they took in battle. <sup>20</sup>For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts so that they should come against Israel in battle, so that they might be destroyed, so that they might have no favor, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>21</sup>At that time Joshua came and cut off the giants from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel. Joshua destroyed them with their cities. <sup>22</sup>There were none of the giants left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and

in Ashdod there remained some. <sup>23</sup>And Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

### CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the kings of the land, whom the sons of Israel struck and whose land they possessed on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon to mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east: <sup>2</sup>Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon and ruled from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon; <sup>3</sup>and from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and to the sea of the plain, the Salt Sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth, and from the south, under Ashdoth-pisgah. <sup>4</sup>And they struck the coast of Og king of Bashan, of the rest of the giants, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, <sup>5</sup>and reigned in mount Hermon and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. <sup>6</sup>Moses the servant of the LORD and the sons of Israel struck them. And Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>7</sup>And these are the kings of the land which Joshua and the sons of Israel struck on this side Jordan, on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even to the mount Halak that goes up to Seir, which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions; <sup>8</sup>in the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country – the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: <sup>9</sup>The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one; <sup>10</sup>the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; <sup>11</sup>the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; <sup>12</sup>the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; <sup>13</sup>the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; <sup>14</sup>the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; <sup>15</sup>the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; <sup>16</sup>the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; <sup>17</sup>the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hephher, one; <sup>18</sup>the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; <sup>19</sup>the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; <sup>20</sup>the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; <sup>21</sup>the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; <sup>22</sup>the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; <sup>23</sup>the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; <sup>24</sup>the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings *were* thirty-one.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Now Joshua *was* old, going on in days. And the LORD said to him, You are old and far along in days, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. <sup>2</sup>This is the land that still remains: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, <sup>3</sup>from Sihor, which is before Egypt, even to the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite, five lords of the Philistines of Gaza, of Ashdod, of Eshkalon, of Gath, and of Ekron; also the Avim. <sup>4</sup>From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah, the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites. <sup>5</sup>And the land of the Gibletes, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad under Mount Hermon to the border of Hamath, <sup>6</sup>all the inhabitants from the hills; I will expel them, from Lebanon to the Burning Waters, and all the Sidonians, from before the sons of Israel. Only you divide it by lot to the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

<sup>7</sup>And, therefore, divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh, <sup>8</sup>with whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance which Moses gave them beyond Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them, <sup>9</sup>from Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba, to Dibon; <sup>10</sup>and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the sons of Ammon; <sup>11</sup>and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah, <sup>12</sup>all the kingdom of Og in Bashan (who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei; he remained of the rest of the giants) — and Moses struck them and expelled them. <sup>13</sup>But the sons of Israel did not put out the Geshurites and the Maachathites, but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day. <sup>14</sup>Only he gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them.

<sup>15</sup>And Moses gave to the tribe of the sons of Reuben inheritance according to their families. <sup>16</sup>And their coast was from Aroer on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba. <sup>17</sup>He gave them Heshbon and all its cities in the plain, Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, <sup>18</sup>and Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, <sup>19</sup>and Kirjath-aim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mountain of the valley, <sup>20</sup>and Beth-peor, and Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, <sup>21</sup>and all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon (whom Moses struck with the rulers of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, rulers of Sihon, the inhabitants of the land).

<sup>22</sup>The sons of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword, among their slain. <sup>23</sup>And the border of the sons of Reuben was Jordan, and its border. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages.

<sup>24</sup>And Moses gave inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad according to their families. <sup>25</sup>And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the sons of Ammon, to Aroer, before Rabbah, <sup>26</sup>and from Heshbon to Ramoth-mizpeh, and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir. <sup>27</sup>And in the valley he gave them Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and its border, even to the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth on the east side Jordan eastward. <sup>28</sup>This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities, and their villages. <sup>29</sup>And Moses gave inheritance to the half tribe of Manasseh, and this was of the half tribe of the sons of Manasseh by their families. <sup>30</sup>And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities. <sup>31</sup>And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were given to the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to their half of the sons of Machir by their families. <sup>32</sup>These are they whom Moses caused to inherit in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan by Jericho, eastward. <sup>33</sup>But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance. The LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as He said to them.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And these are they of the sons of Israel who inherited in the land of Canaan, whom Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel, gave out for inheritance to them. <sup>2</sup>Their inheritance was by lot, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the

nine tribes, and for the half tribe. <sup>3</sup>For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side Jordan. But to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. <sup>4</sup>For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. <sup>5</sup>As the LORD commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did, and they divided the land.

<sup>6</sup>Then the sons of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, said to him, You know the thing that the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea regarding you and me. <sup>7</sup>I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land. And I brought him word again as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup>But my brothers that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I fully followed the LORD my God. <sup>9</sup>And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your sons' forever because you have fully followed the LORD my God. <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive these forty-five years as He said, even since the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel wandered in the wilderness. And now, lo, I *am* eighty-five years old today. <sup>11</sup>As yet I *am* as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in. <sup>12</sup>And now give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke on that day. For you heard in that day *how* the giants *were* there, and that the cities were great and fortified. If the LORD will be with me, then I will be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. <sup>13</sup>And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. <sup>14</sup>And Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, to this day, because he fully followed the LORD God of Israel. <sup>15</sup>And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; that one *was* a great man among the giants.

And the land had rest from war.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>This then was the lot of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families: to the border of Edom, the wilderness of Zin in the extreme south. <sup>2</sup>And their south border was from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward. <sup>3</sup>And it went out southward to the ascent of Acrabbim, and passed on to Zin, and went up on the south of Kadesh-barnea, and was passed to Hezron, and went up toward Adar, and turned toward Karkaa, <sup>4</sup>and passed on to Azmon, and went out by the torrent of Egypt. And the boundary line was at the Sea. This shall be your south border. <sup>5</sup>And the east border, the Salt Sea to the end of Jordan. <sup>6</sup>And their border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the end of Jordan. And the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah. And the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; <sup>7</sup>And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south side of the river. And the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh, and its boundary was at En-rogel. <sup>8</sup>And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite. It is Jerusalem. And the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lies* before the valley of Hinnom westward, at the end of the Valley of the Giants northward. <sup>9</sup>And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron. And the border was drawn to Baalah; it is Kirjath-jearim. <sup>10</sup>And the border went around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of mount Jearim; it is Chesalon, on the north

side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah. <sup>11</sup>And the border went to the side of Ekron northward, and the border was drawn to Shikkaron and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel. And the boundary line was at the Sea. <sup>12</sup>And the west border was to the Great Sea, and the coast. This is the border of the sons of Judah all around according to their families.

<sup>13</sup>And he gave a part among the sons of Judah to Caleb the son of Jephunneh, according to the command of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak; it is Hebron. <sup>14</sup>And Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the sons of Anak, from there. <sup>15</sup>And he went up from there to those who lived in Debir. And the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher. <sup>16</sup>And Caleb said, He who smites Kirjath-sepher, and takes it, I will give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife. <sup>17</sup>And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife. <sup>18</sup>And it happened as she came, she moved him to ask a field from her father. And she dismounted from her ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you desire? <sup>19</sup>She answered, Give me a blessing, for you have given me a south land. Give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

<sup>20</sup>This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families. <sup>21</sup>And the furthest cities of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, <sup>22</sup>and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, <sup>23</sup>and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, <sup>24</sup>Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, <sup>25</sup>and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor, <sup>26</sup>Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, <sup>27</sup>and Hazar-gaddah, and Hesmon, and Beth-palet, <sup>28</sup>and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah, <sup>29</sup>Baalath, and Iim, and Azem, <sup>30</sup>and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Homah, <sup>31</sup>and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, <sup>32</sup>and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages.

<sup>33</sup>In the low country were Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, <sup>34</sup>and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, <sup>35</sup>Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, <sup>36</sup>and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages — <sup>37</sup>Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, <sup>38</sup>and Dilan, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, <sup>39</sup>Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, <sup>40</sup>and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, <sup>41</sup>and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages — <sup>42</sup>Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, <sup>43</sup>and Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, <sup>44</sup>and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities and their villages; <sup>45</sup>Ekron with its town and its villages; <sup>46</sup>from Ekron even to the Sea, all that were at hand by Ashdod, and their villages; <sup>47</sup>Ashdod with its towns and its villages; Gaza with its towns and its villages, to the river of Egypt, and the Great Sea, and its coast.

<sup>48</sup>And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, <sup>49</sup>and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah; Debir; <sup>50</sup>and Anab, and Estemoh, and Anim, <sup>51</sup>and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities and their villages; <sup>52</sup>Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, <sup>53</sup>and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, <sup>54</sup>and Humtah, and Kirjath-arba; it is Hebron; and Zior; nine cities and their villages — <sup>55</sup>Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, <sup>56</sup>and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, <sup>57</sup>Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities and their villages; <sup>58</sup>Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, <sup>59</sup>and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities and their villages — <sup>60</sup>Kirjath-baal; it is Kirjath-jearim; and Rabbah; two cities and their villages. <sup>61</sup>In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, <sup>62</sup>and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities and their villages.

<sup>63</sup>As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out. But the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And the lot of the sons of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through Mount Bethel, <sup>2</sup>and goes out from Bethel to Luz, and passes along to the borders of the Archites, to Ataroth; <sup>3</sup>and it goes down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth-horon the lower, and to Gezer. And its boundary was at the sea. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. <sup>5</sup>And the border of the sons of Ephraim was by their families: the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, to Beth-horon the upper. <sup>6</sup>And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side. And the border went about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah. <sup>7</sup>And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came again to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. <sup>8</sup>The border went out from Tappuah westward to the river Kanah. And the boundary was at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim by their families.

<sup>9</sup>And the separate cities for the sons of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. <sup>10</sup>And they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer. But the Canaanites live among the Ephraimites until this day, and serve under tribute.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh (for he was the first-born of Joseph); for Machir, the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. <sup>2</sup>There was also a lot for the rest of the sons of Manasseh by their families: for the sons of Abiezer, and for the sons of Helek, and for the sons of Asriel, and for the sons of Shechem, and for the sons of Hephher, and for the sons of Shemida; these were the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, by their families. <sup>3</sup>But Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the sons of Gilead, the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>4</sup>And they came near before Eleazar the priest and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. And according to the command of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. <sup>5</sup>And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan; <sup>6</sup>because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. And the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

<sup>7</sup>And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah before Shechem. And the border went up to the right to the inhabitants of En-tappuah. <sup>8</sup>Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim. <sup>9</sup>And the border went down to the river Kanah, southward of the river. These cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh. And the border of Manasseh was on the north of the river, and the boundary was at the sea. <sup>10</sup>Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's. And the sea is its border. And they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east. <sup>11</sup>And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and those who lived in Dor and its towns, and those who lived in Endor and its towns, and those who lived in Taanach and its

towns, and those who lived in Megiddo and its towns, even three regions. <sup>12</sup>Yet the sons of Manasseh could not drive out those who lived in those cities, but the Canaanites wanted to live in that land. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when the sons of Israel had become strong, they put the Canaanites to tribute. But they did not completely drive them out.

<sup>14</sup>The sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua saying, Why have you given me one lot and one portion to inherit, since I am a great people, because the LORD has blessed me until now? <sup>15</sup>And Joshua answered them, If you are a great people, and if mount Ephraim is too narrow for you, get up to the wood country and cut down more for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants. <sup>16</sup>And the sons of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us. And all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley *have* chariots of iron, those who are of Beth-shean and its towns, and those who are of the valley of Jezreel. <sup>17</sup>And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You *are* a great people and have great power. You shall not have one lot. <sup>18</sup>But the mountain shall be yours, for it *is* a forest, and you shall cut it down. And the outer limits of it shall be yours. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, even though they have iron chariots and though they *are* strong.

#### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And all the congregation of the sons of Israel gathered at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

<sup>2</sup>And there remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. <sup>3</sup>And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, How long will you be weak in going to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? <sup>4</sup>Give from among you three men for each tribe. And I will send them, and they shall rise and go through the land and map it according to the inheritance of them. And they shall come to me. <sup>5</sup>And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall stay within their border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay within their borders on the north. <sup>6</sup>And you shall map the land into seven parts and bring it here to me, so that I may cast lots here for you before the LORD our God. <sup>7</sup>But the Levites have no part among you. For the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. And Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

<sup>8</sup>And the men arose and went away. And Joshua charged those who went to map the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and map it, and come again to me so that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh. <sup>9</sup>And the men went and passed through the land, and mapped it into seven parts in a book, and they came to Joshua, to the host *at* Shiloh. <sup>10</sup>And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD. And Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel there, according to their divisions.

<sup>11</sup>And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up by their families. And the border of their lot came forth between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph. <sup>12</sup>And their border on the north side was from Jordan. And the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward. And their boundary *was* at the wilderness of Beth-aven. <sup>13</sup>And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which *is* Bethel, southward. And the border went down *to* Ataroth-adar, near the hill that lies on the south side of the lower Beth-horon. <sup>14</sup>And the border was drawn from there, and went around the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that is in front of Beth-horon southward. And boundary was at Kirjath-baal; it *is*



Kirjath-jearim, a city of the sons of Judah. This was the west quarter. <sup>15</sup>And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah; <sup>16</sup>and the border went down to the end of the mountain that is before the valley of the sons of Hinnom, which *is* the Valley of the Giants northward, and went down the valley of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite on the south, and went down to En-rogel. <sup>17</sup>And it was drawn from the north and went out to En-shemesh, and went out toward Gelliloth, which is across from the ascent of Adummim, and went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, <sup>18</sup>and passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah. <sup>19</sup>And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward. And the boundary was at the north tongue of the Salt Sea, at the south end of Jordan. This was the south border. <sup>20</sup>And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to its borders all around, according to their families.

<sup>21</sup>And the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz, <sup>22</sup>and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel, <sup>23</sup>and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, <sup>24</sup>and Cephbar-haam-monai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities and their villages; <sup>25</sup>Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, <sup>26</sup>and Mizpeh, and Cephirah, and Mozah, <sup>27</sup>and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, <sup>28</sup>and Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem; Gibeath, Kirjath; fourteen cities and their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

#### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was inside the inheritance of the sons of Judah. <sup>2</sup>And they *had* in their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah, <sup>3</sup>and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem, <sup>4</sup>and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, <sup>5</sup>and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, <sup>6</sup>and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhin; thirteen cities and their villages — <sup>7</sup>Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages, <sup>8</sup>and all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families. <sup>9</sup>The inheritance of the sons of Simeon was out of the portion of the sons of Judah. For the part of the sons of Judah *was* too much for them; therefore the sons of Simeon had their inheritance within their inheritance.

<sup>10</sup>And the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was to Sarid. <sup>11</sup>And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam, <sup>12</sup>and turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of The Flames of Tabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and goes up to Japhia, <sup>13</sup>and from there it passes on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goes out to Rimmon-methoar, to Neah. <sup>14</sup>And the border compasses it on the north side to Hannathon. And its edges were *in the* valley of Jiphthahel, <sup>15</sup>and Kattath, and Naballal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages. <sup>16</sup>This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

<sup>17</sup>The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families. <sup>18</sup>And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, <sup>19</sup>and Hapharaim, and Shihon, and Anaharath, <sup>20</sup>and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, <sup>21</sup>and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and

Beth-pazzez. <sup>22</sup>And the border reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh. And the edges of their border were at Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages. <sup>23</sup>This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

<sup>24</sup>And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families. <sup>25</sup>And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, <sup>26</sup>and Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; <sup>27</sup>and turns toward the sunrise to Beth-dagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel toward the north of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand, <sup>28</sup>and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, to great Sidon; <sup>29</sup>and the border turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre. And the border turns to Hosah, and the boundaries of it are at the sea from the line to Achzib, <sup>30</sup>and Ummah, and Aphek, and Rehob; twenty-two cities and their villages. <sup>31</sup>This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

<sup>32</sup>The sixth lot came out to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali according to their families. <sup>33</sup>And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaananim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum. And its boundaries were at Jordan. <sup>34</sup>And the border turns west toward Aznoth-tabor, and goes out from there to Hukkuk, and reached to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah on Jordan toward the sunrise. <sup>35</sup>And the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, and <sup>36</sup>Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, <sup>37</sup>and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, <sup>38</sup>and Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities and their villages. <sup>39</sup>This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

<sup>40</sup>The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families. <sup>41</sup>And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, <sup>42</sup>and Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, <sup>43</sup>and Elon, and Timnathah, and Ekron, <sup>44</sup>and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, <sup>45</sup>and Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gath-rimmon, <sup>46</sup>and Mejarcon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho. <sup>47</sup>And the border of the sons of Dan came out *too little* for them. And the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it. And *they* called Leshem Dan, after the name of their father Dan. <sup>48</sup>This is the inheritance of the tribe of Dan, by their families, these cities and their villages.

<sup>49</sup>When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them. <sup>50</sup>According to the command of Jehovah they gave him the city which he asked, Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim. And he built the city and lived in it.

<sup>51</sup>These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And they finished dividing the land.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Appoint cities of refuge for you, as I have spoken to you by the hand of Moses; <sup>3</sup>that the manslayer who in innocence strikes anyone mortally, without knowing, may flee there. And they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. <sup>4</sup>And he shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of

the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall take him into the city to themselves, and he shall live with them.<sup>5</sup> And if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, for he has struck his neighbor without knowing, and did not hate him in past time.<sup>6</sup> And he shall live in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who is in those days. Then the manslayer shall return and come to his city, and to his house, to the city from where he fled.

<sup>7</sup>And they set apart Kadesh in Galilee, in the hills of Naphtali; and Shechem in the hills of Ephraim; and Kirjath-arba; it is Hebron; in the hills of Judah.<sup>8</sup> And beyond the Jordan, at Jericho eastward, they gave Bezer in the wilderness, on the tableland out of the tribe of Reuben; and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad; and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.<sup>9</sup> These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel, and for the alien who was living in their midst, that he who had killed anyone without knowing might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

### CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel.<sup>2</sup> And they spoke to them in Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, saying, the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give cities to us to live in, and their suburbs for our cattle.<sup>3</sup> And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance these cities and their suburbs, at the command of the LORD: <sup>4</sup>And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.<sup>5</sup> And the rest of the sons of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.<sup>6</sup> And the sons of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.<sup>7</sup> The sons of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.<sup>8</sup> And the sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

<sup>9</sup>And they gave out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, these cities which are called by name,<sup>10</sup> which the sons of Aaron had, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the sons of Levi, for theirs was the first lot.<sup>11</sup> And they gave them the city of Arba; it is Hebron; in the hills of Judah, with its suburbs around it.<sup>12</sup> But the fields of the city of Arba, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his own.

<sup>13</sup>And to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron and its suburbs as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah and its suburbs,<sup>14</sup> and Jattir and its suburbs, and Eshtemoa and its suburbs,<sup>15</sup> and Helon and its suburbs, and Debir and its suburbs,<sup>16</sup> and Ain and its suburbs, and Juttah and its open lands, and Beth-shemesh and its suburbs.<sup>17</sup> And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its suburbs, Geba and its suburbs,<sup>18</sup> Anathoth and its suburbs, and Almon and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>19</sup> And all the cities of the sons of Aaron the priest were thirteen cities.

<sup>20</sup>And the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left of the sons of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of Ephraim.<sup>21</sup> And they gave them Shechem and its suburbs in mount Ephraim as a city of refuge for the

manslayer, and Gezer and its suburbs,<sup>2</sup> and Kibzaim and its suburbs, and Beth-horon and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>23</sup> And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh and suburbs, Gibbethon and its suburbs,<sup>24</sup> Aijalon and its suburbs, Gath-rimmon and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>25</sup> And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach and its suburbs, and Gath-rimmon and its suburbs; two cities.<sup>26</sup> All the cities *were* ten, and their suburbs, for the families of the sons of Kohath that were left.

<sup>27</sup> And to the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan and its suburbs as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beesh-terah and its suburbs; two cities.<sup>28</sup> And from the tribe of Issachar, Kishon and its suburbs, and Dabareh and its suburbs,<sup>29</sup> Jarmuth and its suburbs, En-gannim and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>30</sup> And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its suburbs,<sup>31</sup> Helkath and its suburbs, and Rehob and its suburbs.<sup>32</sup> And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee and its suburbs as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor and its suburbs, and Kartan and its suburbs; three cities.<sup>33</sup> All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities and their suburbs.

<sup>34</sup> And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam and its suburbs, and Kartah and its suburbs,<sup>35</sup> Dimnah and its suburbs, Nahalal and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>36</sup> And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its suburbs, and Jahazah and its suburbs,<sup>37</sup> Kedemoth and its suburbs, and Mephaath and its suburbs; four cities.<sup>38</sup> And out of tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead and its suburbs as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim and its suburbs,<sup>39</sup> Heshbon and its suburbs, Jazer and its suburbs; four cities in all.<sup>40</sup> All the cities for the sons of Merari which were left of the families of the Levites, *were* by their lot twelve cities.<sup>41</sup> All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the sons of Israel *were* forty-eight cities and their suburbs.<sup>42</sup> These cities were each one with their suburbs around them.

<sup>43</sup> And the LORD gave to Israel all the land which He swore to give to their fathers. And they possessed it, and lived in it.<sup>44</sup> And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that He swore to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood before them. Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand.<sup>45</sup> Not any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel failed. All came to pass.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua called for the Reubenites and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,<sup>2</sup> and said to them, You have done all that which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you. And you have listened to my voice, to all that I have commanded you.<sup>3</sup> You have not left your brothers these many days until today, and have kept the observance of the command of the LORD your God.<sup>4</sup> And now Jehovah your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them. And now turn and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD has given to you beyond the Jordan.<sup>5</sup> Only, diligently take heed to do the commands and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.<sup>6</sup> And Joshua blessed them and sent them away. And they went to their tents.

<sup>7</sup> And to the half tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given *possession* in Bashan. And to its *other* half Joshua had given *possession* with their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. And also when Joshua had sent them away to their tents, then he blessed them.<sup>8</sup> And *he* spoke to them, saying, You are returning to your tents

and your treasures, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned. And they departed from the sons of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, of which they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. <sup>10</sup>And when they came to the borders of Jordan that are in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar of grand appearance there by Jordan. <sup>11</sup>And the sons of Israel heard, Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the sons of Israel. <sup>12</sup>And when the sons of Israel heard, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh to go to war against them. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead. <sup>14</sup>And with him went ten rulers, a ruler from each of the chief houses throughout all the tribes of Israel. And each one was a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. <sup>15</sup>And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them saying, <sup>16</sup>So says all the congregation of the LORD: What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away today from following the LORD, in *that* you have built an altar for you so that you might rebel this day against the LORD? <sup>17</sup>Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not been made clean until today, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD; <sup>18</sup>but must you turn away today from following the LORD? You rebel today against the LORD, and tomorrow He will be angry with all the congregation of Israel. <sup>19</sup>But surely if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over to the land of the possession of the LORD in which the LORD's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us. But do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us in building an altar for yourselves besides the altar of the LORD our God. <sup>20</sup>Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the cursed thing, and did not wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.

<sup>21</sup>And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel, <sup>22</sup>The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods knows, and Israel shall know if *it is* in rebellion or in transgression against the LORD (do not save us today), <sup>23</sup>that *if* we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD. Or if we have built an altar to offer on it burnt offering or food offering, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require it. <sup>24</sup>And if we have not done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your sons might speak to our sons, saying, What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel? <sup>25</sup>For the LORD has made Jordan a border between us and you, sons of Reuben and sons of Gad. You have no part in the LORD. And your sons shall make our sons stop fearing the LORD. <sup>26</sup>And we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, <sup>27</sup>but *it shall be* a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, so that we might do the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings; so that your sons may not say to our sons in time to come, You have no part in the LORD. <sup>28</sup>And we said that when they should say so to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD which our fathers

made, not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices, but it is a witness between us and you. <sup>29</sup>God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for food offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before His tabernacle!

<sup>30</sup>And Phinehas the priest, and the rulers of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them. <sup>31</sup>And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh, Today we see that the LORD is among us, because you have not committed this sin against the LORD. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

<sup>32</sup>And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, and to the sons of Israel, and brought them word again. <sup>33</sup>And the thing pleased the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel blessed God and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and Gad lived. <sup>34</sup>And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad proclaimed regarding the altar, that it was a witness between us that Jehovah is God.

### CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, after the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, Joshua became old and far along in days. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and far along in days. <sup>3</sup>And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you. For the LORD your God is He who has fought for you. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I have divided to you by lot these nations that are left to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea westward. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD your God shall put them out from before you, and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God has promised to you. <sup>6</sup>And be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you do not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left; <sup>7</sup>so that you do not come among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves to them. <sup>8</sup>But cleave to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day. <sup>9</sup>For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations. But as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. <sup>10</sup>One man of you shall chase a thousand. For the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He has promised you. <sup>11</sup>And take good heed to yourselves that you love the LORD your God. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, if you go back in any way, and hold to those left of these nations, these that remain among you, and shall marry them and go in to them and they to you, <sup>13</sup>know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and whips in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

<sup>14</sup>And behold, today I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass to you. Not one thing of it has failed. <sup>15</sup>And it shall be, as every good thing which the LORD your God promised you have come on you, so shall the LORD bring on

you all evil things until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.<sup>16</sup>When you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them, then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given to you.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, So says the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers Beyond the River in times past, Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods. <sup>3</sup>And I took your father Abraham from Beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed and gave him Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau Mount Seir for his own, but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>I sent Moses also, and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them. And afterward I brought you out. <sup>6</sup>And I brought your fathers out of Egypt. And you came to the sea, and the Egyptians followed after your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup>And when they cried to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them and covered them. And your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. <sup>8</sup>And I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived on the other side Jordan. And they fought with you, and I gave them into your hand so that you might possess their land. And I destroyed them from before you. <sup>9</sup>Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. <sup>10</sup>But I would not listen to Balaam. And he still blessed you. And I delivered you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup>And you went over Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I delivered them into your hand. <sup>12</sup>And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, the two kings of the Amorites, not with your sword, nor with your bow. <sup>13</sup>And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them. And you now eat of the vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

<sup>14</sup>And know the LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and truth. And put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods. <sup>17</sup>For the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And He did those great wonders in our sight, and kept us in all our way in which we went and among all the people through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who lived in the land. And we will also serve the LORD, for He is our God.

<sup>19</sup>And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

<sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you harm, and destroy you after He has done you good. <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve Him. And they said, *We are* witnesses. <sup>23</sup>And now put away the strange gods among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And the people said to Joshua, We will serve the LORD our God, and His voice we will obey. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. <sup>26</sup>And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone and set it up there under an oak by the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God. <sup>28</sup>And Joshua sent away the people, each man to his inheritance.

<sup>29</sup>And it happened after these things, Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old. <sup>30</sup>And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. <sup>31</sup>And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and who had known all the works of the LORD that He had done for Israel.

<sup>32</sup>And the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in a piece of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver. And it became the inheritance of the sons of Joseph. <sup>33</sup>And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. And they buried him in a hill belonging to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.



# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the death of Joshua, the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites to fight against them? <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said, Judah shall go up. Behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. <sup>3</sup>And Judah said to Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot so that we may fight against the Canaanites. And I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Simeon went with him. <sup>4</sup>And Judah went up. And the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand. And they killed ten thousand men of them in Bezek. <sup>5</sup>And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek. And, they fought against him, and they killed the Canaanites and the Perizzites. <sup>6</sup>And Adoni-bezek fled. And they ran after him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. <sup>7</sup>And Adoni-bezek said, Seventy kings *with* their thumbs and big toes cut off have gathered under my table. As I have done, so God has requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

<sup>8</sup>And the sons of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and had struck it with the edge of the sword, and had set the city on fire. <sup>9</sup>And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. <sup>10</sup>And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron; (and the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba). And they killed Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. <sup>11</sup>And from there he went against those who lived in Debir. And the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher. <sup>12</sup>And Caleb said, He, who strikes Kirjath-sepher and takes it, I will give Achsah my daughter to him for a wife. <sup>13</sup>And Othniel, the son of Caleb's younger brother Kenaz, took it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife. <sup>14</sup>And it happened when she came, she moved him to ask for a field from her father. And she dismounted from her ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you *desire*? <sup>15</sup>And she said to him, Give me a blessing. For you have given me a south land. Give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

<sup>16</sup>And the sons of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *is* in the south of Arad. And they went and lived among the people. <sup>17</sup>And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they killed the Canaanites who lived in Zephath and destroyed it. And the name of the city *was called* Hormah. <sup>18</sup>Also Judah took Gaza with its border, and Askelon with its border, and Ekron with its border. <sup>19</sup>And the LORD *was* with Judah. And he drove out those who lived in the mountain. But he could not drive out those who lived in the valley, because they had chariots of iron. <sup>20</sup>And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said. And he drove out the three sons of Anak from there. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem. But the Jebusites live with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

<sup>22</sup>And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD *was* with them. <sup>23</sup>And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Bethel. And the name of the city before *was* Luz. <sup>24</sup>And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said to him, Please show us the gate into the city, and we will show you mercy. <sup>25</sup>And when he showed them the gate into the city, they struck the city with the edge of the sword. But they let the man and all his family go. <sup>26</sup>And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city, and called the name of it Luz, which *is* the name of it to this day.

<sup>27</sup>And Manasseh had not driven out those who lived in Beth-shean and its towns, nor Taanach and its towns, nor those who lived in Dor and its towns, nor those who lived in Ibleam and its towns, nor those who lived in Megiddo and its towns. But the Canaanites desired to stay in that land. <sup>28</sup>And it happened, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not drive them out. <sup>29</sup>And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, but the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

<sup>30</sup>And Zebulun did not drive out those who lived in Kitron, nor those who lived in Nahalol. But the Canaanites lived among them and became tributaries. <sup>31</sup>And Asher did not drive out those who lived in Accho, and the inhabitants of Sidon, and Achlab, and Achzib, and Helbah, and Aphik, and Rehob. <sup>32</sup>But the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, those who lived in the land, for they did not drive them out.

<sup>33</sup>And Naphtali did not drive out those who lived in Beth-shemesh, and the inhabitants of Beth-anath, and they lived among the Canaanites, those who lived in the land. But those who lived in Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became tributaries.

<sup>34</sup>And the Amorites forced the sons of Dan into the mountain. For they would not allow them to come down to the valley. <sup>35</sup>But the Amorites desired to stay in Mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim. Yet the hand of the house of Joseph won out so that they became tributaries. <sup>36</sup>And the border of the Amorites was from the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock and upward.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And an Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you go up out of Egypt, and have brought you into the land which I swore to your fathers. And I said, I will never break My covenant with you. <sup>2</sup>And you shall make no treaty with those who live in this land. You shall throw down their altars. But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? <sup>3</sup>And I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you. <sup>4</sup>And it happened when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>5</sup>And they called the name of that place Bochim. And they sacrificed there to the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>And when Joshua had let the people go, the sons of Israel left, each man to his inheritance, to possess the land. <sup>7</sup>And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD that He did for Israel. <sup>8</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old. <sup>9</sup>And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. <sup>10</sup>And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor even the works which He had done for Israel.

<sup>11</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baals. <sup>12</sup>And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt. And they followed other gods of the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked the LORD to anger. <sup>13</sup>And they forsook the LORD and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

<sup>14</sup>And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers who spoiled them. And He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. <sup>15</sup>Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for

evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed. <sup>16</sup>But the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who spoiled them. <sup>17</sup>And yet they would not listen to their judges, but they went lusting after other gods, and bowed themselves to them. They turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, for they had obeyed the commandments of the LORD; these did not do so. <sup>18</sup>And when the LORD raised judges up for them, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For it grieved the LORD because of their groanings caused by the ones who oppressed them and troubled them. <sup>19</sup>And it happened when the judge was dead, they returned and made themselves more rotten than their fathers in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way. <sup>20</sup>And the anger of the LORD glowed against Israel. And He said, Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice, <sup>21</sup>I also from now on will not drive out any from before them, of the nations that Joshua left when he died; <sup>22</sup>so that by them I may test Israel, whether they are keeping the way of the LORD, to go in it, as their fathers kept it, or not. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD left those nations, without driving them out quickly. And He did not deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, as many as had not known all the wars of Canaan; <sup>2</sup>only that the generations of the sons of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least those who before knew nothing of it: <sup>3</sup>five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that lived in Mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon to the border of Hamath. <sup>4</sup>And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of the LORD, which He commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites. <sup>6</sup>And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baals and the groves. <sup>8</sup>And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of Chushan-rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia. And the sons of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. <sup>9</sup>And when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the sons of Israel, who delivered them, Othniel, the son of Caleb's younger brother Kenaz. <sup>10</sup>And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel and went out to war. And the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia, into his hand. And his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. <sup>11</sup>And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

<sup>12</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD made Eglon the king of Moab strong against Israel because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And he gathered to him the sons of Ammon and Amalek. And he went forth and struck Israel, and took the city of palm trees. <sup>14</sup>So the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. <sup>15</sup>But when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent a present to Eglon the king of Moab by him. <sup>16</sup>But Ehud made himself a dagger which had two edges, a cubit long. And he tied it under his clothing upon his right

thigh. <sup>17</sup>And he brought the present to Eglon king of Moab. And Eglon *was* a very fat man. <sup>18</sup>And when he had finished offering the present, he sent away the people who carried the present. <sup>19</sup>But he himself turned again from the graven images that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret message for you, O, king. And he said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. <sup>20</sup>And Ehud came to him. And he was sitting in the cool roof room which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God to you. And he rose out of his seat. <sup>21</sup>And Ehud put forth his left hand and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. <sup>22</sup>And the haft also went in after the blade. And the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly. And the dung came out. <sup>23</sup>Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the room upon him, and locked them. <sup>24</sup>When he had gone out, his servants came. And when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlor were locked, they said, Surely he eases himself in his cool roof room. <sup>25</sup>And they stayed until they were ashamed. And, behold, he did not open the doors of the room. And they took a key and opened them. And behold, their lord *had* fallen down dead on the earth.

<sup>26</sup>And Ehud escaped while they waited, and passed beyond the graven images, and escaped to Seirath. <sup>27</sup>And when he had come, he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel went down with him from the mountain, and he before them. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, Follow after me. For the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and did not allow a man to pass over. <sup>29</sup>And they killed about ten thousand of the men of Moab at that time, all lusty, and all men of might. And there did not escape a man. <sup>30</sup>So Moab was subdued under the hand of Israel that day. And the land had rest eighty years.

<sup>31</sup>And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad. And he also delivered Israel.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who ruled in Hazor. The captain of his host *was* Sisera who lived in Harosheth of the nations. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron. And he mightily oppressed the sons of Israel twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, judged Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>And she lived under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim. And the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup>And she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh *in* Naphtali, and said to him, Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun? <sup>7</sup>And I will draw Sisera to you, the captain of Jabin's army, at the river Kishon, together with his chariots and his multitude. And I will deliver him into your hands. <sup>8</sup>And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go. But if you will not go with me, I will not go. <sup>9</sup>And she said, I will surely go with you. But the journey that you take shall not be for your honor, for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

<sup>10</sup>And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And he went up *with* ten thousand men at his feet. And Deborah went up with him. <sup>11</sup>And Heber the Kenite, of the sons of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself

from the Kenites and pitched his tent toward the plain of Zaanaim, near Kedesh. <sup>12</sup>And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to mount Tabor. <sup>13</sup>And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people with him, from Harosheth of the nations to the river of Kishon. <sup>14</sup>And Deborah said to Barak, Up! For this *is* the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD struck Sisera, and all the chariots, and all the army, with the edge of the sword in front of Barak, so that Sisera got down from the chariot and fled on his feet. <sup>16</sup>But Barak pursued after the chariots and after the army, to Harosheth of the nations. And all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword. There was not a man left. <sup>17</sup>And Sisera fled on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. For *there* was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. <sup>18</sup>And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in my lord, turn in to me. Do not fear. When he had turned in to her into the tent, she covered him with a rug. <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk and gave him a drink, and covered him. <sup>20</sup>Again he said to her, Stand in the door of the tent, and when any man comes asking of you, saying, Is there any man here? You shall say, No. <sup>21</sup>Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a peg of the tent and put a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the peg into his temples, and beat *it* into the ground. For he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

<sup>22</sup>And behold, as Barak followed Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, Come and I will show you the man whom you seek. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the peg was in his temples. <sup>23</sup>And on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And the hand of the sons of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying, <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. <sup>3</sup>Hear, O, kings. Give ear, O, princes. I, even I, will sing to the LORD I will sing to the LORD God of Israel. <sup>4</sup>LORD, when You went out of Seir, when You marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. <sup>5</sup>The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel. <sup>6</sup>In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were empty, and the travelers walked through crooked ways. <sup>7</sup>The leaders ceased in Israel until I, Deborah, arose; until I arose, a mother in Israel. <sup>8</sup>They chose new gods; then war *was* in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? <sup>9</sup>My heart *is* toward the lawgivers of Israel *who* offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the LORD. <sup>10</sup>Speak, you who ride on asses, you who sit in judgment and walk by the way. <sup>11</sup>*Louder* than the voice of the dividers between the watering places, there shall they tell again the righteous acts of the LORD, the righteous acts of His leaders in Israel. Then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

<sup>12</sup>Awake, awake, Deborah. Awake, awake, sing a song Arise, Barak, lead your captivity captive, son of Abinoam. <sup>13</sup>Then He made him who remains to have dominion over the nobles among the people. The LORD made me have dominion over the mighty. <sup>14</sup>Out of Ephraim *there was* a root of them against Amalek; after you, Benjamin, with your peoples. Out of Machir came down

commanders, and out of Zebulun came they who handle the pen of the writer. <sup>15</sup>And the rulers of Issachar were with Deborah, even Issachar, and also Barak. He was sent on foot into the valley. There were great thoughts of heart for the divisions of Reuben. <sup>16</sup>Why did you stay among the sheepfolds to hear the bleating of the flocks? For in the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. <sup>17</sup>Gilead stayed beyond Jordan. And why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the seashore and remained in his havens. <sup>18</sup>Zebulun and Naphtali were a people who put their lives in danger of death in the high places of the field. <sup>19</sup>Kings came and fought. Then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. They took no gain of money. <sup>20</sup>They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. <sup>21</sup>The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, you trampled *in strength*. <sup>22</sup>Then did the hooves of horses beat, from the galloping, the galloping of their mighty ones. <sup>23</sup>Curse Meroz, said the Angel of the LORD; curse the people of it bitterly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

<sup>24</sup>Blessed among women shall Jacl the wife of Heber the Kenite be. She shall be blessed above women in the tent. <sup>25</sup>He asked for water, and she gave *him* milk. She brought forth butter in a lordly dish. <sup>26</sup>She put her hand to the peg, and her right hand to the workman's hammer. With the hammer she struck Sisera. She struck off his head, she pierced and struck through his temples. <sup>27</sup>He bowed between her feet, he fell, he lay down. Where he bowed, there he fell down dead. <sup>28</sup>The mother of Sisera looked out a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariot wait? <sup>29</sup>Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself, <sup>30</sup>Do they not find and divide the spoil? A womb, two wombs to a man's head, to Sisera a prize of dyed *garments*, a prize of many colors of embroidered dyed *garments* for the necks of those that take the spoil. <sup>31</sup>So let all Your enemies perish, O LORD. But let them that love Him be like the sun when He goes forth in His might.

And the land had rest forty years.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. <sup>2</sup>And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the hand of the Midianites, the sons of Israel made themselves the dens which are in the mountains, and caves and strongholds. <sup>3</sup>And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the sons of the east, even they came up against them. <sup>4</sup>And they camped against them and destroyed the increase of the earth, until you come to Gaza. And they left no food for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor ass. <sup>5</sup>For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude, both they and their camels were without number. And they entered into the land to destroy it. <sup>6</sup>And Israel was made very poor because of the Midianites. And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened, when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD because of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup>the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, who said to them, So says the LORD God of Israel: I brought you up from Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of bondage. <sup>9</sup>And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup>And I said to you, I *am* the LORD your God. Do not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed My voice.

<sup>11</sup>And the Angel of the LORD came and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite. And his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, The LORD *is* with you, mighty man of power. <sup>13</sup>And Gideon said to Him, O, my Lord, if the LORD *is* with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD looked upon him and said, Go in your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you? <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, O, my Lord, with what shall I save Israel? Behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to him, Surely, I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man. <sup>17</sup>And he said to Him, If now I have found grace in Your sight, then show me a sign that You talk with me. <sup>18</sup>Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You, and bring forth my food offering and set *it* before You. And He said, I will stay until you come again. <sup>19</sup>And Gideon went in and made ready a kid and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour. He put the flesh in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to Him to the oak, and offered *it*. <sup>20</sup>And the Angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes and lay on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. <sup>21</sup>Then the Angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And there rose up fire out of the rock and burned up the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the Angel of the LORD went away out of his sight. <sup>22</sup>And when Gideon saw that He *was* the Angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! Because I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to him, Peace to you. Do not fear. You shall not die. <sup>24</sup>Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom. It *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites to this day.

<sup>25</sup>And it happened on that night the LORD said to him, Take your father's young bull, even the second bull of seven years, and throw down the altar of Baal which your father has, and cut down the grove by it. <sup>26</sup>And build an altar to the LORD your God upon the top of this rock, in an orderly manner, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which you shall cut down. <sup>27</sup>Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said to him. And so it was, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, that he could not do by day. So he did *it* by night. <sup>28</sup>And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove which was by it was cut down, and the second bull had been offered upon the altar that *was* built. <sup>29</sup>And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing. <sup>30</sup>Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son so that he may die, because he has cast down the altar of Baal, and because he had cut down the grove by it. <sup>31</sup>And Joash said to all that stood against him, Will you plead for Baal? Will you save him? *He* who contends for him shall be killed by the morning. If he *is* a god, let him plead for himself, because one has cast down his altar. <sup>32</sup>And on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him because he has thrown down his altar.

<sup>33</sup>Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites, and the sons of the east were gathered together, and went over and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. <sup>34</sup>But the spirit of the LORD came to Gideon, and he blew a trumpet. And he called the Abiezrites after him. <sup>35</sup>And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who

also were gathered after him. And he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali. And they came up to meet them.

<sup>36</sup>And Gideon said to God, If You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said, <sup>37</sup>Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the grain-floor. And if the dew is on the fleece only, and dry upon all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said. <sup>38</sup>And it was so. For he rose up early in the morning and gathered the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. <sup>39</sup>And Gideon said to God, Let not Your anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once. I pray You, let me test but this once with the fleece. Let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. <sup>40</sup>And God did so that night. For it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And Jerub-baal — he is Gideon — and all the people that were with him, rose up early and pitched beside the well of Harod, so that the army of the Midianites was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel boast themselves against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me. <sup>3</sup>Now, therefore, speak in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and go away early from Mount Gilead. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned. And there remained ten thousand. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to Gideon, The people *are* still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will separate them for you there. It shall be that of whom I say to you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you. And of whomever I say to you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go. <sup>5</sup>And he brought down the people to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, like a dog laps, you shall set him by himself; also everyone who bows down upon his knees to drink. <sup>6</sup>And the number of them who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men. But all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Gideon, I will save you by the three hundred men who lapped, and will deliver the Midianites into your hand. And let all the other people go, each man to his place. <sup>8</sup>And the people took provisions in their hand, and their trumpets. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, each man to his tent, and kept those three hundred men. And the army of Midian was below him in the valley.

<sup>9</sup>And it happened on that night, the LORD said to him, Arise, go down to the army, for I have delivered it into your hand. <sup>10</sup>But if you fear to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the army. <sup>11</sup>And you shall hear what they shall say. And afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down to the army. Then he went down with Purah his servant to the edge of the ranks in the army. <sup>12</sup>And the Midianites and the Amalekites, and all the sons of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude, and their camels without number, like the sand by the seaside for multitude.

<sup>13</sup>And when Gideon had come, behold, a man told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came to a tent, and struck it so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent lay along. <sup>14</sup>And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else except the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. For into his hand God has delivered Midian and all the army. <sup>15</sup>And it happened, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and the meaning of it, he worshiped. And *he* returned to the army of Israel, and said, Arise! For the LORD has delivered the



host of Midian into your hand. <sup>16</sup>And he divided the three hundred men into three companies. And he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, Look on me, and do likewise. And, behold, when I come to the edge of the camp, it shall be, as I do, so you shall do. <sup>18</sup>When I blow with a trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and shout, For Jehovah and for Gideon.

<sup>19</sup>So Gideon and the hundred men with him came to the edge of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch. And they had but newly set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. <sup>20</sup>And the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers and held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow. And they cried, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon! <sup>21</sup>And they stood, each man in his place, all around the camp. And all the army ran, and cried, and fled. <sup>22</sup>And the three hundred blew the trumpets. And the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the army. And the army fled to Beth-shittah in Zererath, to the border of Abel-meholah, to Tabbath. <sup>23</sup>And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and ran after the Midianites. <sup>24</sup>And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take the waters to Beth-barah and Jordan before them. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together. And they captured the waters to Beth-barah and Jordan. <sup>25</sup>Then they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. And they killed Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the wine-press of Zeeb. And they pursued Midian and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

#### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you served us this way, that you did not call us when you went to fight with the Midianites? And they rebuked him sharply. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison to you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? <sup>3</sup>God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison to you? Then their spirits toward him went away when he had said that.

<sup>4</sup>And Gideon came to Jordan, crossing over, he and the three hundred men with him, faint, yet pursuing them. <sup>5</sup>And he said to the men of Succoth, I pray you, give loaves of bread to the people who follow me. For they are tired, and I *am* pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. <sup>6</sup>And the rulers of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, so that we should give bread to your army? <sup>7</sup>And Gideon said, Therefore, when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. <sup>8</sup>And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke to them likewise. And the men of Penuel answered him like the men of Succoth had answered. <sup>9</sup>And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

<sup>10</sup>And Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the armies of the sons of the east. For a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword fell. <sup>11</sup>And Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the army. For the army was at ease. <sup>12</sup>And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled,

he pursued them and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and destroyed all the army.

<sup>13</sup>And Gideon the son of Joash turned back from battle before mount Heres.

<sup>14</sup>And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth and asked of him. And he described to him the rulers of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. <sup>15</sup>And he came to the men of Succoth and said, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom you rebuked me, saying, *Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand so that we should give bread to your men who are weary?* <sup>16</sup>And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. <sup>17</sup>And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city.

<sup>18</sup>And he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, How *were* the men whom you killed in Tabor? And they answered, As you *are*, so they. Each one resembled the sons of a king. <sup>19</sup>And he said, They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother. *As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you.* <sup>20</sup>And he said to Jether his first-born, Up! Kill them! But the youth did not draw his sword, for he feared, because he *was* still a youth. <sup>21</sup>And Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise and fall upon us. For as the man is, so *is* his strength. And Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments on their camels' necks.

<sup>22</sup>And the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, both you and your son, and your son's son also. For you have delivered us from the hand of Midian. <sup>23</sup>And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you. The LORD shall rule over you. <sup>24</sup>And Gideon said to them, I would desire a favor of you, that each man of you would give me the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) <sup>25</sup>And they answered, We will gladly give. And they spread a cloth, and each man threw the earrings of his prey in it. <sup>26</sup>And the weight of the golden earrings which he asked for was seventeen hundred of gold, besides ornaments, and pendants, and purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains around their camels' necks. <sup>27</sup>And Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel went there lusting after it, which thing became a snare to Gideon and to his house.

<sup>28</sup>And Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

<sup>29</sup>And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house. <sup>30</sup>And Gideon had seventy sons, begotten of his body. For he had many wives. <sup>31</sup>And his concubine, who *was* in Shechem, also bore him a son whose name he called Abimelech. <sup>32</sup>And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. <sup>33</sup>And it happened as soon as Gideon was dead, the sons of Israel turned again and went lusting after the Baals, and made Baal-berith their god. <sup>34</sup>And the sons of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side. <sup>35</sup>Neither did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shown to Israel.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers. And he talked with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, <sup>2</sup>I pray you, speak in the ears of all the men of Shechem: Which *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? Remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh. <sup>3</sup>And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem with all these words. And their hearts were bent toward Abimelech,

for they said, He is our brother. <sup>4</sup>And they gave him seventy *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless persons who followed him. <sup>5</sup>And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy persons, upon one stone. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was still left; for he hid himself. <sup>6</sup>And all the leaders of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo. And they went forth and made Abimelech king beside the plain of the pillar in Shechem.

<sup>7</sup>And when they told Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim. And he lifted up his voice and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, leaders of Shechem, so that God may listen to you. <sup>8</sup>The trees went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive tree, Reign over us. <sup>9</sup>But the olive tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness with which they honor God and man by me, and go to be promoted over the trees? <sup>10</sup>And the trees said to the fig tree, You come and reign over us. <sup>11</sup>But the fig tree said to them, Should I forsake my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? <sup>12</sup>Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us. <sup>13</sup>And the vine said to them, Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? <sup>14</sup>Then all the trees said to the bramble-bush, You come and reign over us. <sup>15</sup>And the bramble-bush said to the trees, If you truly anoint me king over you, come put your trust in my shadow. And if not, let fire come out of the bramble and burn up the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>16</sup>And now, if you have done truly and sincerely in that you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him according to what his hands did, <sup>17</sup>in which my father fought for you and much endangered his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian. <sup>18</sup>And you have risen up against my father's house today, and have killed his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his slavegirl, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother; <sup>19</sup>if then you have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house today, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. <sup>20</sup>But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and burn up the men of Shechem and the house of Millo. And let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and burn up Abimelech. <sup>21</sup>And Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Beer, and lived there for fear of Abimelech his brother.

<sup>22</sup>And Abimelech reigned three years over Israel. <sup>23</sup>And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem. And the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, <sup>24</sup>so that the cruelty to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and upon the men of Shechem who helped him in the killing of his brothers. <sup>25</sup>And the men of Shechem set men lying in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them. And it was told to Abimelech. <sup>26</sup>And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem. And the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. <sup>27</sup>And they went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards and trod the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech. <sup>28</sup>And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? <sup>29</sup>And I wish this people were under my hand! Then I would remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase your army, and come out!

<sup>30</sup>And Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, and his anger was kindled. <sup>31</sup>And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem. And

behold, they fortify the city against you. <sup>32</sup>And now come up by night, you and the people with you, and lie in wait in the field. <sup>33</sup>And in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, it shall be that you shall rise early and set upon the city. And behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may do to them as you desire. <sup>34</sup>And Abimelech rose up by night, and all the people with him, and they lay in wait against Shechem *in* four companies. <sup>35</sup>And Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Abimelech rose up, and the people with him, from lying in wait. <sup>36</sup>And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, people *are* coming down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You *are* seeing the shadow of the mountains like men. <sup>37</sup>And Gaal spoke again and said, See, people *are* coming by the middle of the land, and another company coming along by way of the Sorcerers' Oak. <sup>38</sup>And Zebul said to him, Where *is* your mouth now, *with* which you said, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? *Is* not this the people whom you have despised? I pray you, go out now and fight with them. <sup>39</sup>And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

<sup>40</sup>And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, to the entrance of the gate. <sup>41</sup>And Abimelech lived at Arumah. And Zebul put Gaal and his brothers out, so that they should not live in Shechem. <sup>42</sup>And it happened on the next day the people went out into the field. And *they* told Abimelech. <sup>43</sup>And he took the people and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And they looked, and behold, the people came forth out of the city. And he rose up against them, and struck them. <sup>44</sup>And Abimelech and the company with him rushed forward and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And the two companies ran upon all the people in the field, and killed them. <sup>45</sup>And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. And he took the city and killed the people in it. And he beat down the city and sowed it *with* salt.

<sup>46</sup>And all the men of the tower of Shechem heard, and entered into a stronghold of the house of the god Berith. <sup>47</sup>And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. <sup>48</sup>And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people with him. And Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a limb from the trees, and took it and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said to the people who *were* with him, What you have seen me do, hurry and do likewise. <sup>49</sup>And all the people also, each man, cut down a limb for themselves, and followed Abimelech. And they put them to the stronghold, and set *them* at the stronghold, and set on fire the stronghold. And about a thousand men and women, all the men of the tower of Shechem, died also.

<sup>50</sup>And Abimelech went to Thebez, and camped against Thebez, and took it. <sup>51</sup>But there was a strong tower inside the city, and all the men and women, and all those of the city fled there, and shut *it* behind them, and got up to the top of the tower. <sup>52</sup>And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it, and went hard to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. <sup>53</sup>And a certain woman threw a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and crushed his skull. <sup>54</sup>Then he called hastily to the young man who was his armor-bearer, and said to him, Draw your sword and kill me, so that men may not say of me, A woman killed him! And his young man thrust him through, and he died. <sup>55</sup>And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, each one of them left to go to his place. <sup>56</sup>And God repaid the evil Abimelech which he did to his father in killing his seventy brothers. <sup>57</sup>And all the evil of the men of Shechem God sent back upon their heads. And upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerub-baal.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar. And he lived in Shamir in Mount Ephraim. <sup>2</sup>And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

<sup>3</sup>And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty-two years. <sup>4</sup>And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities which are called Havoth-jair to this day in the land of Gilead. <sup>5</sup>And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

<sup>6</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals and Ashtareths, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. And they left the LORD, and did not serve Him. <sup>7</sup>And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the sons of Ammon. <sup>8</sup>And that year they troubled and oppressed the sons of Israel; all the sons of Israel on the other side of Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead, for eighteen years. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was very distressed.

<sup>10</sup>And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, saying, We have sinned against You, both because we have forsaken our God and also have served the Baals. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to the sons of Israel, Did not *I deliver you* from Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines? <sup>12</sup>And the Sidonians and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you. And you cried to Me, and I delivered you out of their hand. <sup>13</sup>Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore, I will deliver you no more. <sup>14</sup>Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen. Let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. <sup>15</sup>And the sons of Israel said to the LORD, We have sinned. Do You to us whatever is good in Your eyes; only deliver us, we pray You, today. <sup>16</sup>And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD. And His soul was moved by the misery of Israel. <sup>17</sup>Then the sons of Ammon were gathered together and camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel assembled themselves together and camped in Mizpeh. <sup>18</sup>And the people and rulers of Gilead said to one another, What man is there who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Now Jephthah, the Gileadite, was a mighty man of war. And he was the son of a harlot. And Gilead fathered Jephthah. <sup>2</sup>And Gilead's wife bore him sons. And his wife's sons grew up, and they threw Jephthah out and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house. For you are the son of another woman. <sup>3</sup>Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. And worthless men were gathered to Jephthah, and went out with him.

<sup>4</sup>And it happened after some time the sons of Ammon made war against Israel. <sup>5</sup>And when the sons of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah out of the land of Tob. <sup>6</sup>And they said to Jephthah, Come and be our captain, so that we may fight with the sons of Ammon. <sup>7</sup>And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Have you not hated me and thrown me out of my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in trouble? <sup>8</sup>And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, For this reason we turn again to you now, so that you may go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon, and be our head over all the ones who live in Gilead. <sup>9</sup>And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you

bring me home again to fight against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD delivers them before me, shall I be your head? <sup>10</sup>And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, The LORD is witness between us if we do not do so according to your words. <sup>11</sup>And Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them. And Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

<sup>12</sup>And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come against me to fight in my land? <sup>13</sup>And the king of the sons of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even to Jabbok, and to Jordan. Now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. <sup>14</sup>And Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the sons of Ammon. <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, So says Jephthah, Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the sons of Ammon. <sup>16</sup>But when they came up from Egypt, Israel walked through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh. <sup>17</sup>And *Israel* sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, I pray you, let me pass through your land. But the king of Edom would not listen. And in the same way they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not. And Israel stayed in Kadesh. <sup>18</sup>And they went along through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but they did not come within the border of Moab; for Arnon *was* the border of Moab. <sup>19</sup>And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon. And Israel said to him, We pray you, let us pass through your land to my place. <sup>20</sup>But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his border. But Sihon gathered all his people together and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, who lived in that country. <sup>22</sup>And they possessed all the borders of the Amorites, from Arnon even to Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to Jordan. <sup>23</sup>So now the LORD God of Israel has put out the Amorites before His people Israel, and should you possess it? <sup>24</sup>Will you not possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whomever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, we will possess them. <sup>25</sup>And now *are* you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them <sup>26</sup>when Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities which are along by the borders of Arnon, for three hundred years? Why then did you not deliver them in that time? <sup>27</sup>So I have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me. The LORD, the Judge, will judge this day between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.

<sup>28</sup>And the king of the sons of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent to him. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead passed over to the sons of Ammon. <sup>30</sup>And Jephthah vowed a vow to the LORD, and said, If You will indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand, <sup>31</sup>then it shall be that whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, surely it shall belong to the LORD, or I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

<sup>32</sup>And Jephthah passed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them. And the LORD delivered them into his hand. <sup>33</sup>And he struck them from Aroer even until you come to Minnith, twenty cities, and to the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. So were the sons of Ammon subdued before the sons of Israel. <sup>34</sup>And Jephthah came to Mizpeh to his house, and, behold, his daughter

came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances. And she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. <sup>35</sup>And it happened when he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are one of those who trouble me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot go back. <sup>36</sup>And she said to him, My father, you have opened your mouth to the Lord; do to me according to that which has come out of your mouth, because the LORD has taken vengeance for you upon your enemies, even of the sons of Ammon. <sup>37</sup>And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me. Let me alone two months, so that I may go up and down upon the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions. <sup>38</sup>And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months. And she went with her companions and wept for her virginity upon the mountains. <sup>39</sup>And it happened at the end of two months she returned to her father, who did to her his vow which he had vowed. And she knew no man. And it is a custom in Israel, <sup>40</sup>that the daughters of Israel went yearly to tell again of the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite, four days in a year.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together and went northward, and said to Jephthah, Why did you go over to fight against the sons of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house upon you with fire. <sup>2</sup>And Jephthah said to them, My people and I were at great strife with the sons of Ammon. And when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands. <sup>3</sup>When I saw that you did not deliver me, I took my life in my hand and passed over against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up against me, to fight against me today? <sup>4</sup>And Jephthah called up all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites and among the Manassites. <sup>5</sup>And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites. And it happened that when one of those Ephraimites who had escaped said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? And he said, No. <sup>6</sup>And they said to him, Please say Shibboleth. And he said, Sibboleth, for he could not manage to pronounce it right. Then they took him and killed him at the passages of Jordan. And there fell at that time forty-two thousand of the Ephraimites. <sup>7</sup>And Jephthah judged Israel six years.

And Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

<sup>8</sup>And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. <sup>9</sup>And he had thirty sons and thirty daughters whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. <sup>10</sup>Then Ibzan died, and was buried at Bethlehem.

<sup>11</sup>And after him Elon, a Zebulunite, judged Israel. And he judged Israel ten years. <sup>12</sup>And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon, the land of Zebulun.

<sup>13</sup>And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. <sup>14</sup>And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy ass colts. And he judged Israel eight years. <sup>15</sup>And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Philistines forty years. <sup>2</sup>And there was a

certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife *was* barren and did not bear. <sup>3</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, Behold now, you *are* barren and do not bear. But you shall conceive and bear a son. <sup>4</sup>And now, I pray you, and do not drink wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean *thing*. <sup>5</sup>For lo, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head. For the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb. And he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

<sup>6</sup>And the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and His face *was* like the face of an Angel of God, very terrifying. But I did not ask Him where He *came* from, neither did He tell me His name. <sup>7</sup>But He said to me, Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*, for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death. <sup>8</sup>And Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, O, my Lord, let the Man of God, whom You sent, come again to us and teach us what we shall do to the child that shall be born. <sup>9</sup>And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband *was* not with her. <sup>10</sup>And the woman hurried and ran, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, the Man has appeared to Me, the one who came to me the other day.

<sup>11</sup>And Manoah arose and went after his wife, and came to the Man, and said to Him, *Are* You the Man who spoke to the woman? And He said, *I am*. <sup>12</sup>And Manoah said, Now let Your words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and what shall we do to him? <sup>13</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. <sup>14</sup>She may not eat of all that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine nor strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*. Let her do all that I commanded her. <sup>15</sup>And Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, I pray You, let us keep You until we have made a kid ready for You. <sup>16</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, Though you keep Me, I will not eat of your bread. And if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD. For Manoah did not know that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>And Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, What is Your name, so that when Your sayings come to pass we may do You honor? <sup>18</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to him, Why do you ask after My name in this way? Yea, it *is* Wonderful?

<sup>19</sup>And Manoah took a kid with a food offering, and offered it upon a rock to the LORD. And the Angel did wonderfully. And Manoah and his wife looked on. <sup>20</sup>For it happened when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, the Angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it and fell on their faces to the ground. <sup>21</sup>But the Angel of the LORD did not appear any more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that He *was* an Angel of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die because we have seen God. <sup>23</sup>But his wife said to him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a food offering at our hands, neither would He have showed us all these *things*, nor have told us such *things* as these at this time.

<sup>24</sup>And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. <sup>25</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup>And *he* came up and told his father and his mother,



and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. And now get her for me for a wife. <sup>3</sup>And his father and his mother said to him, *Is there* no woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me, for she pleases me very much. <sup>4</sup>But his father and his mother did not know that it *was* from the LORD, that he was looking for an occasion against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had the rule over Israel.

<sup>5</sup>And Samson and his father and his mother went down to Timnath. And they came to the vineyards of Timnath. And, behold, a young lion roared against him. <sup>6</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore it as he would have torn a kid; and nothing *was* in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. <sup>7</sup>And he went down and talked with the woman. And she pleased Samson very much. <sup>8</sup>And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the dead body of the lion. And behold! A swarm of bees and honey was in the dead body of the lion. <sup>9</sup>And he took some of it in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother. And he gave to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the dead body of the lion.

<sup>10</sup>And his father went down to the woman. And Samson made a feast there, for so the young men used to do. <sup>11</sup>And it happened when they saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him. <sup>12</sup>And Samson said to them, I will now put forth a riddle to you. If you can certainly tell it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty shirts and thirty changes of garments. <sup>13</sup>But if you cannot tell me, then you shall give me thirty shirts and thirty changes of garments. And they said to him, Put forth your riddle so that we may hear it. <sup>14</sup>And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And in three days they could not tell what the riddle meant. <sup>15</sup>And it happened on the seventh day they said to Samson's wife, Lure your husband so that he may tell the riddle to us, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you called us to take what we have? *Is it not so?*

<sup>16</sup>And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You only hate me, and do not love *me*. You have put forth a riddle to the sons of my people, and have not told it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told my father nor to my mother, and shall I tell you? <sup>17</sup>And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted. And on the seventh day, he told her, because she pressed hard upon him. And she told the riddle to the sons of her people. <sup>18</sup>And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey, and what stronger than a lion? And he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found *out* my riddle.

<sup>19</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave changes of garments to them who told what the riddle meant. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. <sup>20</sup>But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, who had served as his friend.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And it happened afterward, in the days of wheat harvest, Samson visited his wife with a kid. And *he* said, *I will* go in to my wife into the room. But her father would not allow him to go in. <sup>2</sup>And her father said, I truly thought that you utterly hated her, and I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister fairer than she is? Please, let her be for you instead of her. <sup>3</sup>And Samson said concerning

them, Now I shall be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do what is not pleasing to them. <sup>4</sup>And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes and took fire brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire brand in the middle between two tails. <sup>5</sup>And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and also the standing grain, with the vineyards *and* olives. <sup>6</sup>And the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire. <sup>7</sup>And Samson said to them, Though you have done this, yet I will be avenged of you, and after that I will stop. <sup>8</sup>And he struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter. And he went down and lived in the top of the rock Etam.

<sup>9</sup>And the Philistines went up and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. <sup>10</sup>And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they answered, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us. <sup>11</sup>Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? What have you done to us? And he said to them, As they have done to me, so I have done to them. <sup>12</sup>And they said to him, We have come to bind you so that we may deliver you into the hands of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me that you will not fall upon me yourselves. <sup>13</sup>And they spoke to him, saying, No, but we will tie you up and deliver you into their hand. But surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new cords and brought him up from the rock. <sup>14</sup>He came to Lehi, and the Philistines shouted against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords on his arms became as flax that has been burned with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. <sup>15</sup>And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. <sup>16</sup>And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass I have killed a thousand men. <sup>17</sup>And it happened when he had made an end of speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Hill of the Jawbone. <sup>18</sup>And he was very thirsty and called upon the LORD and said, You have given this great deliverance into the hand of Your servant. And now shall I die forever, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? <sup>19</sup>But God cut open a hollow place in the jaw, and water came out there. And when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived. Therefore, its name is called Fountain of the Praying One, which *is* in Lehi to this day. <sup>20</sup>And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Then Samson went to Gaza. And he saw a harlot there, and went in to her. <sup>2</sup>The Gazites *were told*, saying, Samson has come here. And they surrounded him and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him. <sup>3</sup>And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and went away with them, with the bar, and put *them* on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of a hill that *is* before Hebron.

<sup>4</sup>And it happened afterwards, he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. <sup>5</sup>And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Lure him and see where his great strength *lies*, and by what means we may prevail against him, so that we may tie him to afflict him. And each one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver. <sup>6</sup>And Delilah said to Samson, Please tell me where your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound to afflict you.

<sup>7</sup>And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green cords that were never dried, then I shall be weak and be as another man. <sup>8</sup>Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. <sup>9</sup>And the ambush *was* sitting for her in the room. And she said to him, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And he broke the cords like a thread of tow when it smells fire. And his strength was not known.

<sup>10</sup>And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please, tell me with what you may be bound. <sup>11</sup>And he said to her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall be weak and be as another man. <sup>12</sup>And Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And the ambush *was* sitting for her in the inner room. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread. <sup>13</sup>And Delilah said to Samson, You have mocked me until now, and told me lies. Tell me with what you may be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web. <sup>14</sup>And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And He awakened out of his sleep, and went way with the pin of the beam, and with the web. <sup>15</sup>And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, and your heart *is* not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me in what your great strength *lies*. <sup>16</sup>And it happened because she distressed him with her words daily, and urged him; and his soul was grieved to death. <sup>17</sup>And he told her all his heart, and said to her, A razor has not come on my hair, for I *am* a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I will become weak and be like any man. <sup>18</sup>And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come this once, for he has showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought money in their hand. <sup>19</sup>And she made him sleep upon her knees. And she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head. And she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. <sup>20</sup>And she said, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

<sup>21</sup>And the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass. And he ground in the prison house. <sup>22</sup>However the hair of his head began to grow again after he had been shaven. <sup>23</sup>Then the lords of the Philistines gathered themselves in order to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. For they said, Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. <sup>24</sup>And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, and the destroyer of our country, who killed many of us. <sup>25</sup>And when their hearts were merry, it happened that they said, Call for Samson so that he may make sport for us. And they called for Samson out of the prison house. And he made sport for them, and they set him between the pillars. <sup>26</sup>And Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, Allow me to feel the pillars upon which the house stands, so that I may lean upon them. <sup>27</sup>Now the house was full of men and women. And all the lords of the Philistines *were* there. And on the roof *were* about three thousand men and women who watched while Samson made sport. <sup>28</sup>And Samson called to the LORD and said, O, Lord GOD, remember me, I pray You, and strengthen me, I pray You, only this once, O God, so that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. <sup>29</sup>And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was held up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. <sup>30</sup>And Samson said, Let me

die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself mightily, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those he killed in his life.

<sup>31</sup>Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And there was a man of Mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Micah. <sup>2</sup>And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver which were taken from you, about which you cursed, and spoke of also in my ears, behold, the silver *is* with me. Behold, I took it. And his mother said, Be blessed of the LORD, my son. <sup>3</sup>And when he had given back the eleven hundred of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly given the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son to make a graven image and a molten image. And now I am giving it to you. <sup>4</sup>And he gave the money back to his mother. And his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to the founder, who made of it an engraved image and a molten image. And they were in the house of Micah. <sup>5</sup>And the man Micah had a house of gods, and made an ephod and household gods, and anointed one of his sons, who became his priest. <sup>6</sup>In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his eyes.

<sup>7</sup>And there was a young man out of Bethlehem-judah of the family of Judah, and he *was* a Levite. And he stayed there. <sup>8</sup>And the man went out of the city from Bethlehem-judah to live where he could find a *place*. And *he* came to Mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. <sup>9</sup>And Micah said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I *am* a Levite of Bethlehem-judah, and I go to live where I may find a *place*. <sup>10</sup>And Micah said to him, Live with me and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of clothes, and your food. And the Levite went in. <sup>11</sup>And the Levite was content to live with the man, and the young man was to him as one of his sons. <sup>12</sup>And Micah consecrated the Levite. And the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. <sup>13</sup>Then Micah said, Now I know that the LORD will do me good, since I have a Levite as my priest.

#### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>In those days no king *was* in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites looked for an inheritance for them to live in. For to that day it has not fallen to them by inheritance among the tribes of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And the sons of Dan sent from their family five men from their borders, men of war, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it. And they said to them, Go, search the land. And when they came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, they stayed there. <sup>3</sup>When they were at the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite. And *they* turned in there, and said to him, Who brought you here? And what are you doing in this *place*? And what have you here? <sup>4</sup>And he said to them, This is how Micah deals with me, and has hired me, and I *am* his priest. <sup>5</sup>And they said to him, We pray you, Ask counsel of God so that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. <sup>6</sup>And the priest said to them, Go in peace. Your way in which you go *is* before the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the five men departed and came to Laish, and saw the people in it, how they lived carelessly, as the Sidonians do, quiet and secure. And there was no judge in the land who might put *them* to shame in a thing. And they were far from the Sidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

<sup>6</sup>And they came to their brothers, to Zorah and Eshtaol. And their brothers said to them, What do you say? <sup>9</sup>And they said, Arise, so that we may go up against them. For we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good. And will you sit quietly? Do not be too lazy to go; enter to possess the land. <sup>10</sup>When you go, you shall come to a people feeling safe, and to a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where *there is* no lack of anything in the earth.

<sup>11</sup>And six hundred men of the family of the Danites moved out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, girded with weapons of war. <sup>12</sup>And they went up and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah. Therefore, they called that place A Camp of Dan to this day. Behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim. <sup>13</sup>And they passed from there to mount Ephraim and came to the house of Micah. <sup>14</sup>Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their brothers, You know that there is in these houses an ephod, and household gods, and an engraved image and a molten image. And now consider what you have to do. <sup>15</sup>And they turned in that way, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, to the house of Micah, and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And the six hundred men of the sons of Dan, girded with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate. <sup>17</sup>And the five men who went up to spy out the land went up, and came in there, *and* took the engraved image and the ephod and the household gods, and the molten image. And the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men who were dressed with weapons of war. <sup>18</sup>And these went into Micah's house and brought out the carved image, the ephod, and the household gods, and *the* molten image. And the priest said to them, What are you doing? <sup>19</sup>And they said to him, Be quiet, lay your hand on your mouth and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest. *Is it* better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel? <sup>20</sup>And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the household gods, and the carved image, and went in the midst of the people.

<sup>21</sup>And they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the valuables before them. <sup>22</sup>They had gone far away from the house of Micah, and the men in the houses near Micah's house had been called together and had overtaken the sons of Dan. <sup>23</sup>And *they* cried to the sons of Dan. And they turned their faces and said to Micah, What *ails* you, that you come with such a company? <sup>24</sup>And he said, You have taken away my gods *which* I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. And what more do I have? And what *is* this you say to me, What *ails* you? <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Dan said to him, Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon you and you lose your life with the lives of your household. <sup>26</sup>And the sons of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. <sup>27</sup>And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people that were quiet and feeling safe. And *they* struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. <sup>28</sup>And there was no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no business with *any* man. And it *was* in the valley that lies by Beth-rehob. And they built a city and lived in it. <sup>29</sup> And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

<sup>30</sup>And the sons of Dan set up the engraved image. And Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. <sup>31</sup>And they set up Micah's engraved image for themselves, the image which he made, all the time that the house of God *was* in Shiloh.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in those days, no king *being* in Israel, that there was a certain Levite residing on the side of Mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehem-judah. <sup>2</sup>And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehem-judah, and was there four whole months. <sup>3</sup>And her husband arose and went after her, to speak friendly to her, to bring her again, having his servant with him and a couple of asses. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the father of the girl saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. <sup>4</sup>And his father-in-law, the girl's father, kept him. And he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and stayed there. <sup>5</sup>And it happened on the fourth day when they arose early in the morning, he rose up to leave. And the girl's father said to his son-in-law, Comfort your heart *with* a piece of bread, and afterward go your way. <sup>6</sup>And they sat down and ate and drank, both of them together, for the girl's father had said to the man, Please be content, and stay all night, and let your heart be merry. <sup>7</sup>And when the man rose up to leave, his father-in-law urged him, and he stayed there again. <sup>8</sup>And he rose early in the morning on the fifth day to leave. And the girl's father said, Please comfort your heart. And they stayed till afternoon, and both of them ate. <sup>9</sup>And when the man rose up to leave, he and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening. Please stay all night. Behold, the day grows to an end. Stay here so that your heart may be merry. And tomorrow go early on your way, so that you may go home. <sup>10</sup>But the man would not stay that night, but he rose up and left, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem. And *there were* with him two saddled asses. His concubine also *was* with him.

<sup>11</sup>They *were* beside Jebus, and the day was far gone. And the servant said to his master, Please come, and let us turn in to this city of the Jebusites and stay in it. <sup>12</sup>And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into the city of a stranger that *is* not of the sons of Israel. We will pass over to Gibeah. <sup>13</sup>And he said to his servant, Come and let us draw near one of these places to stay all night, in Gibeah or in Ramah. <sup>14</sup>And they passed on and went their way. And the sun went *down* on them beside Gibeah, which is of Benjamin. <sup>15</sup>And they turned aside there, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in a street of the city. For no man took them into his house to stay the night.

<sup>16</sup>And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening, *who was* also from mount Ephraim. And he lived in Gibeah, but the men of the place *were* of Benjamin. <sup>17</sup>And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a traveler in the streets of the city. And the old man said, Where do you go, and where do you come from? <sup>18</sup>And he said to him, We *are* passing from Bethlehem-judah to the side of mount Ephraim. I *am* from there, and I went to Bethlehem-judah, but I *am* going to the house of the LORD. And there *is* no man who receives me into his house. <sup>19</sup>Yet here is both straw and food for our asses. And there is bread and wine also for me, and for your slavegirl, and for the young man who is with your servants. There is no lack of anything. <sup>20</sup>And the old man said, Peace *be* with you. Yet all that you lack *shall be* on me. Only do not stay in the street. <sup>21</sup>And he brought him into his house and mixed *fodder* for the asses. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

<sup>22</sup>They were making their hearts merry. And, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, set upon the house all around and beat at the door and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man that came to your house so that we may know him. <sup>23</sup>And the man, the master of the

house, went out to them and said to them, No, my brothers, I pray you, do not do evil, since this man has come into my house. Do not do this foolish sin. <sup>24</sup>Behold, my daughter, a virgin, and his concubine. I will bring them out now, and you humble them and do with them what seems good to you. But do not do so vile a thing to this man. <sup>25</sup>But the men would not listen to him. And the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and rolled themselves on her all night until the morning. And *they* sent her away at the dawning of the day. <sup>26</sup>And the woman came, in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was*, until it was light. <sup>27</sup>And her lord rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go *his* way. And behold, the woman, his concubine, had fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. <sup>28</sup>And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the man took her on an ass, and the man rose up and went to his place.

<sup>29</sup>And when he had come into his house, he took a knife and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, with her bones, into twelve pieces and sent her into all the borders of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And it was so that all that saw *it* said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the sons of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this day. Think of it, take advice and speak.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>Then all the sons of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, to the LORD in Mizpeh. <sup>2</sup>And the chief of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpeh. And the sons of Israel said, Tell how this wickedness was done? <sup>4</sup>And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah of Benjamin to stay the night, my concubine and I. <sup>5</sup>And the men of Gibeah rose against me and set upon the house all around me *at* night. They intended to kill me. And they raped my concubine, and she is dead. <sup>6</sup>And I took my concubine and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the land of the inheritance of Israel. For they have committed evil and folly in Israel. <sup>7</sup>Behold, you *are* all sons of Israel. Give here your advice and counsel.

<sup>8</sup>And all people rose as one man, saying, Let no man go to his tent, and not let any of us turn to his house. <sup>9</sup>And now this *is* the thing which we will do to Gibeah. We will go up by lot against it, <sup>10</sup>and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to bring food for the people, so that when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, they may do according to all the folly which they have done in Israel. <sup>11</sup>And every man of Israel was gathered against the city, all together as one man.

<sup>12</sup>And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you? <sup>13</sup>Now, therefore, deliver the men, the sons of Belial, who *are* in Gibeah, so that we may put them to death and put away evil from Israel. But Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel. <sup>14</sup>And the sons of Benjamin gathered out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel. <sup>15</sup>And the sons of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand men who drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, *who* were numbered seven hundred chosen men. <sup>16</sup>Among all this people *were* seven hundred chosen men, left-handed. Every one could sling stones at a hair's breadth, and not miss. <sup>17</sup>And

the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men who drew sword. All these *were* men of war.

<sup>18</sup>And the sons of Israel rose and went up to the house of God and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the sons of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah first. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Israel rose up early in the morning, and camped against Gibeah. <sup>20</sup>And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin. And the men of Israel put themselves in order, ready to fight against them at Gibeah. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah and destroyed to the earth twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites that day. <sup>22</sup>And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and set their battle in order again in the place where they put themselves in order the first day. <sup>23</sup>And the sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel from the LORD saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him. <sup>24</sup>And the sons of Israel came near against the sons of Benjamin the second day. <sup>25</sup>And Benjamin went forth to meet them again from Gibeah the second day and destroyed to the earth eighteen thousand men of the sons of Israel. All these drew the sword.

<sup>26</sup>And all the sons of Israel, and all the people, went up and came into the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Israel inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, <sup>28</sup>and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother, or shall I stop? And the LORD said, Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.

<sup>29</sup>And Israel set ambushers all around Gibeah. <sup>30</sup>And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in order against Gibeah, as at other times. <sup>31</sup>And the sons of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city. And *they* began to strike some of the people and to kill, as at other times, in the highways — one of which goes up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field — about thirty men of Israel. <sup>32</sup>And the sons of Benjamin said, They are beaten before us as at the first. But the sons of Israel said, Let us flee and draw them from the city to the highways. <sup>33</sup>And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place and marshaled at Baal-tamar. And the ambush of Israel broke forth from their place, from the plains of Gibeah. <sup>34</sup>And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle *was* heavy. But they did not know that evil was near them. <sup>35</sup>And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel. And the sons of Israel destroyed in Benjamin twenty-five thousand and a hundred men that day. All these drew the sword. <sup>36</sup>So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were beaten. For the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin because they trusted to the ambush which they had set against Gibeah. <sup>37</sup>And the ambush hurried and rushed against Gibeah. And the ambush marched and struck all the city with the edge of the sword. <sup>38</sup>And a sign *was* set between the men of Israel and the ambush, to make go up a great smoke rising up out of the city. <sup>39</sup>And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to strike and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons. For they said, Surely they are stricken down before us as *in* the first battle. <sup>40</sup>And the rising of a pillar of smoke began to go up out of the city. And Benjamin turned behind them, and behold, the whole city had gone up toward the heavens. <sup>41</sup>And the men of Israel turned again, and the men of Benjamin were amazed. For they saw that evil had touched them. <sup>42</sup>And they turned before the



men of Israel, to the way of the wilderness. But the battle overtook them. And those who came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. <sup>43</sup>So they encircled Benjamin and they chased them *without* rest, and trod them down until they were against Gibeah toward the sunrise.

<sup>44</sup>And there fell from Benjamin eighteen thousand. All these were men of war. <sup>45</sup>And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. And they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and pursued hard after them to Gidom and killed two thousand men of them. <sup>46</sup>So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword. All of these were men of war. <sup>47</sup>But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness, to the rock Rimmon, and they stayed in the rock Rimmon four months. <sup>48</sup>And the sons of Israel turned again to the sons of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, from the entire city to livestock, to all that was found. Also they set all the cities that they came to on fire.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, Not one of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife. <sup>2</sup>And the people came to the house of God and stayed there until evening before God, and lifted up their voice and wept grievously, <sup>3</sup>and said, O, LORD God of Israel, Why has this happened in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel? <sup>4</sup>And it happened on the next day the people rose early and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of Israel said, *Who is* there among all the tribes of Israel that did not come up with the congregation to the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. <sup>6</sup>And the sons of Israel repented themselves for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. <sup>7</sup>What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters for wives?

<sup>8</sup>And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. <sup>9</sup>For the people were numbered, and behold, none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead were there. <sup>10</sup>And the congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Go, and you shall strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the sword, with the women and the sons. <sup>11</sup>And this is the thing that you shall do. You shall utterly destroy every male and every woman who has lain with man. <sup>12</sup>And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins who had known no man by lying with any male. And they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. <sup>13</sup>And the whole congregation sent to speak to the sons of Benjamin who were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably to them. <sup>14</sup>And Benjamin came again at that time. And they gave them wives whom they had saved alive, of the women of Jabesh-gilead. And yet so they were not *enough* for them.

<sup>15</sup>And the people repented themselves for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a break in the tribes of Israel. <sup>16</sup>And the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? <sup>17</sup>And they said, There must be an inheritance for those of Benjamin who have escaped, so that a tribe may not be destroyed out of Israel. <sup>18</sup>However, we may not give them wives of our daughters. For the sons of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin. <sup>19</sup>Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh early on the north side of Bethel,

on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. <sup>20</sup>And they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, <sup>21</sup>and see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then you come out of the vineyards and catch you a wife for every man from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. <sup>22</sup>And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, we will say to them, Be favorable to them for our sakes, because we did not reserve each man a wife in the war. For if you did not give to them at *this* time, you would be guilty. <sup>23</sup>And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took wives according to their number, from those that danced, whom they caught. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities and lived in them. <sup>24</sup>And the sons of Israel departed from there at that time, each man to his tribe and to his family. And they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

<sup>25</sup>In those days there was no king in Israel. Every man did the right in his *own* eyes.

# THE BOOK OF RUTH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem-judah. And they came to the country of Moab and stayed there. <sup>3</sup>And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. And she was left, and her two sons. <sup>4</sup>And they took wives for themselves from the women of Moab. The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. <sup>5</sup>And Mahlon and Chilion also died, both of them. And the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law so that she might return from the country of Moab. For she had heard in the country of Moab how the LORD had visited His people in giving them bread. <sup>7</sup>And she went out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each one to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant you that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, Surely we will return with you to your people. <sup>11</sup>And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters. Why will you go with me? *Are* there yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn again, my daughters, go. For I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have a husband also tonight, and should also bear sons, would you wait for them until they were grown? <sup>13</sup>Will you shut yourselves up, not to have a husband? No, my daughters, for it makes me very sad for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me. <sup>14</sup>And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law. But Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, Behold, Your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Return after your sister-in-law. <sup>16</sup>And Ruth said, Do not beg me to leave you, to return from following after you. For where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do so to me, and more also, if *anything but* death parts you and me.

<sup>18</sup>When she saw that she was determined to go with her, then she quit speaking to her. <sup>19</sup>And it happened that they went both of them until they came to Bethlehem. And when they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is* this Naomi? <sup>20</sup>And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi, call me Mara. For the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup>I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?

<sup>22</sup>And Naomi returned; and Ruth, who was of Moab, her daughter-in-law, was with her, returning out of the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And Naomi *had* a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup>And Ruth of Moab said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean ears of grain after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter. <sup>3</sup>And she went. And *she* came

and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come upon a part of the field of Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless you. <sup>5</sup>And Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose girl is this? <sup>6</sup>And the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the girl from Moab who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab. <sup>7</sup>And she said, Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. And she came, and has kept on from the morning until now, but that she stayed a little in the house.

<sup>8</sup>And Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, neither go away from here, but stay here close by my maidens. <sup>9</sup>Let your eyes *be* on the field that they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men that they shall not touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn. <sup>10</sup>Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I *am* a stranger? <sup>11</sup>And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully shown to me all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, And you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before now. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD repay your work, and may a full reward be given you from the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to trust. <sup>13</sup>Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me; for you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not like one of your handmaidens. <sup>14</sup>And Boaz said to her, At mealtime come here and eat of the bread and dip your bit in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers. And he handed her parched grain, and she ate and was satisfied, and left. <sup>15</sup>And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not rebuke her. <sup>16</sup>And also let fall of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave *them* so that she may glean them, and do not rebuke her.

<sup>17</sup>And she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out what she had gleaned. And it was about an ephah of barley. <sup>18</sup>And she took *it* up and went into the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. And she brought it forth, and gave to her what she had kept after she was satisfied. <sup>19</sup>And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed is he who took notice of you. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today *is* Boaz. <sup>20</sup>And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed *is* he of the LORD, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is near of kin to us, he *is* of our redeemers. <sup>21</sup>And Ruth of Moab said, He said to me also, You shall keep close by my young men until they have ended all my harvest. <sup>22</sup>And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, Good, my daughter. You go out with his maidens so that they do not fall upon you in any other field. <sup>23</sup>And she kept close by the maidens of Boaz to glean until the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you so that it may be well with you? <sup>2</sup>And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, he with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing-floor. <sup>3</sup>Therefore wash yourself, and anoint yourself, and put your clothing upon you, and go down to the floor. Do not make yourself known to the

man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>And when he lies down, you mark the place where he lies, and you shall go in and uncover his feet and lie down. And he will tell you what you shall do. <sup>5</sup>And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

<sup>6</sup>And she went down to the *grain* floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had told her. <sup>7</sup>And when Boaz had eaten and had drunk, and his heart *was* merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. And she came softly and uncovered his feet, and lay down. <sup>8</sup>And it happened at midnight, the man trembled and turned himself. And, behold, a woman lay at his feet. <sup>9</sup>And he said, Who *are* you? And she answered, I *am* your handmaid Ruth. And you shall spread your skirt over your handmaid, for you *are* a kinsman-redeemer. <sup>10</sup>And He said, Blessed *be* you of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, in that you did not follow young men, whether poor or rich. <sup>11</sup>And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do to you all that you ask. For all the city of my people knows that you are a woman of virtue. <sup>12</sup>And now *it is* true that I *am* your kinsman-redeemer. But there is also a kinsman nearer than I. <sup>13</sup>Stay tonight, and it shall be in the morning, if he will redeem you, well; he will redeem. And if he does not delight to redeem you, *as* the LORD lives, then I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.

<sup>14</sup>And she lay at his feet until the morning. And she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Do not let it be known that a woman came to the floor. <sup>15</sup>Also, he said, Bring the veil on you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley and laid *it* on her. And she went to the city. <sup>16</sup>And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who *are* you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. <sup>17</sup>And she said, These six *measures* of barley he gave to me. For he said to me, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law. <sup>18</sup>And she said, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall. For the man will not rest until he has finished the thing today.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by. And he said, Such a one! Turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside and sat down. <sup>2</sup>And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, Come sit down here. And they sat down. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has come again out of the country of Moab, sells a parcel of land which was our brother Elimelech's. <sup>4</sup>And I said I will tell it in your ear, saying, Buy it before those who live here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem, redeem *it*. But if you will not redeem, tell me so that I may know. For *there is* none to redeem besides you. And I am after you. And he said, I will redeem. <sup>5</sup>And Boaz said, In the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy also from the hand of Ruth of Moab, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. <sup>6</sup>And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance. You redeem my right to yourself, for I cannot redeem.

<sup>7</sup>And this *was* the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, in order to make all things sure. A man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor. And this *was* a testimony in Israel. <sup>8</sup>Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. So he drew off his shoe. <sup>9</sup>And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, You *are* witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. <sup>10</sup>And also Ruth of Moab, the wife of Mahlon, I have purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, so that the name of the

dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You *are* witnesses this day. <sup>11</sup>And all the people in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, for these two built the house of Israel. And may you be blessed in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem. <sup>12</sup>And let your house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give you of this young woman.

<sup>13</sup>And Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife. And when he went in to her, the LORD made her conceive. And she bore a son. <sup>14</sup>And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, so that his name may be famous in Israel. <sup>15</sup>And he shall be to you as one who gives you back your life, and one who cheers your old age. For your daughter-in-law who loves you has borne him, who is better to you than seven sons. <sup>16</sup>And Naomi took the child and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it. <sup>17</sup>And the women, her neighbors, gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi. And they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup>And these *are* the generations of Pharez. Pharez fathered Hezron, <sup>19</sup>and Hezron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadab, <sup>20</sup>and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon, <sup>21</sup>and Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Obed, <sup>22</sup>and Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

# THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim from the hills of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. <sup>2</sup>And he had two wives, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup>And this man went up out of his city from year to year, to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. <sup>4</sup>And the time came that Elkanah offered, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters. <sup>5</sup>But to Hannah he gave one double portion, for he loved Hannah. But the LORD had shut up her womb. <sup>6</sup>And her foe also provoked her grievously, in order to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. <sup>7</sup>And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her. And she wept and did not eat. <sup>8</sup>And Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

<sup>9</sup>And Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh and after they had drunk. And Eli the priest sat on the seat by the sidepost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD, and wept sorely. <sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow and said, O, Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your handmaid and remember me, and not forget Your handmaid, but will give to Your handmaid a man-child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. <sup>12</sup>And it happened as she continued praying before the LORD, Eli noticed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Now Hannah spoke in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. And Eli thought she had become drunk. <sup>14</sup>And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you! <sup>15</sup>And Hannah answered, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have neither drunk wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not count your handmaid for a daughter of wickedness, for out of the abundance of my meditation and grief I have spoken until now. <sup>17</sup>And Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant to you your petition that you have asked of Him. <sup>18</sup>And she said, Let your handmaid find grace in your sight. So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

<sup>19</sup>And they rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>And it happened when the time had come around, Hannah conceived and bore a son and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up. For she said to her husband, Until the child is weaned, and then I will bring him so that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever. <sup>23</sup>And Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems good to you. Stay until you have weaned him. Only may the LORD establish His word. So the woman stayed and gave her son suck until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>And they killed a bull, and brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, O, my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I was praying, and the LORD

has given me my petition which I asked of Him.<sup>28</sup> And I have returned him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he shall be given to the LORD. And he worshiped the LORD there.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said, My heart rejoices in the LORD, my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth is enlarged over my enemies because I rejoice in Your salvation. <sup>2</sup>*There* is none holy as the LORD, for there is none beside You. Neither is there any rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly. Remove arrogance out of your mouth, for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. <sup>5</sup>*They that were* full have hired themselves out for bread, and they that were hungry ceased; yea, while the barren has borne seven, and she who had many sons has languished.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and makes alive. He brings down to the grave, and brings up. <sup>7</sup>The LORD takes away, and He gives riches; He brings low; yea, He lifts up high. <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor out of the dust; He lifts up the needy from the dunghill to set *them* among princes; yea, He causes them to inherit a throne of honor; for to the LORD *are* the pillars of the earth; and He sets the habitable world on them. <sup>9</sup>He keeps the feet of his saints, and the wicked are silenced in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. <sup>10</sup>The foes of the LORD shall be broken to pieces. Out of heaven He shall thunder upon them. The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth. And He shall give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed.

<sup>11</sup>And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child served the LORD before Eli the priest.

<sup>12</sup>And the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial. They did not know the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And the priests' custom with the people *was*: *If* any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came while the flesh was boiling, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand. <sup>14</sup>And *he* stuck it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. All that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites that came there. <sup>15</sup>Yea, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant came and said to the man who sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest. For he will not have boiled flesh from you, but raw! <sup>16</sup>And *if* any man said to him, Let them not fail to burn the fat at once, and *then* take as your soul desires, then he would answer him, *No!* But you shall give it to me now! And if not, I will take *it* by force. <sup>17</sup>And the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD. For men despised the offering of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>And Samuel served before the LORD, a child girded *with* a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>And his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, May the LORD give you seed of this woman for the loan which is loaned to the LORD. And they went to their own home. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD visited Hannah so that she conceived, and she bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>And Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who gathered *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings by all the people. <sup>24</sup>No, my sons, for *it is* no good report that I hear. You make the LORD's people to cry out. <sup>25</sup>If one man sins against another, the judge shall judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who shall plead



for him? But they did not listen to the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.

<sup>26</sup>And the child Samuel went on *growing* in stature and in good, both with the LORD and also with men. <sup>27</sup>And there came a man of God to Eli, and said to him, So says the LORD: Did I plainly appear to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? <sup>28</sup>And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before Me? And did I give to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire from the sons of Israel? <sup>29</sup>Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering, which I have commanded *in My house*? Do you honor your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people? <sup>30</sup>And the LORD God of Israel says, I said indeed, Your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever. But now the LORD says, Be it far from Me! For those who honor Me I will honor, and those that think little of Me shall be lightly regarded. <sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come when I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there shall not be an old man in your house. <sup>32</sup>And you shall see an adversary *in My house*, in all the good which shall be done to Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever. <sup>33</sup>And that man of yours *whom* I shall not cut off from My altar, shall be left in order to make your eyes fail, and to grieve your heart. And all the increase of your house shall die in the flower of their age. <sup>34</sup>And this *shall be* a sign to you, which shall come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day both of them shall die. <sup>35</sup>And I will raise up a faithful priest to Myself, one who shall do according to that which *is* in My heart and in My mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. <sup>36</sup>And it shall be everyone who is left in your house shall come *and* bow down to him for a piece of silver and a piece of bread. And *they* shall say, Please put me into one of the priests' offices so that I may eat a piece of bread.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And the child Samuel served the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days. *There was* no open vision.

<sup>2</sup>And it happened at that time, when Eli *was* lying down in his place, and his eyes began to become dim so that he could not see. <sup>3</sup>And the lamp of God had not gone out. And Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *rested*. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, Here *am* I. <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli, and said, Here *am* I. For you called me. And he said, I did not call. Go and lie down again. And he went to lie down. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, Samuel! And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, Here *am* I, for you called me. And he answered, I did not call, my son. Go back, lie down. <sup>7</sup>And Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again, the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, Here *am* I, for you called me. And Eli saw that the LORD had called the child. <sup>9</sup>And Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if *One* calls you, you shall say, Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears. And Samuel went to lie down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, for Your servant hears. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle. <sup>12</sup>In that day I will confirm to Eli all that which I have spoken as to his house. When I begin, I will also make an end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile and he did not

restrain them. <sup>14</sup>And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever.

<sup>15</sup>And Samuel lay until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. <sup>16</sup>And Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I. <sup>17</sup>And he said, What is the thing that the LORD has said to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide a thing from me of all the things that He said to you. <sup>18</sup>And Samuel told him all the things, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him.

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And the word of Samuel was *revealed* to all Israel. And Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer. And the Philistines pitched in Aphek. <sup>2</sup>And the Philistines put themselves in order against Israel. And the battle was joined. And Israel was beaten before the Philistines. And they killed about four thousand men of the army in the field. <sup>3</sup>And when the people had come to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD beaten us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh to us, so that when it comes among us it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. <sup>4</sup>And the people sent to Shiloh in order to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts from there, the ark which dwells *between* the cherubs. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God. <sup>5</sup>And it happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. <sup>6</sup>And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*? And they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp. <sup>7</sup>And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp, And they said, Woe to us! For there has not been a thing like this before. <sup>8</sup>Woe to us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? These *are* the gods that struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. <sup>9</sup>Be strong and fight like men, O, Philistines, so that you may not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men and fight! <sup>10</sup>And the Philistines fought, and Israel was beaten, and each one of them fled into his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for there fell thirty thousand footmen of Israel. <sup>11</sup>And the ark of God was taken. And Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were slain.

<sup>12</sup>And a man of Benjamin ran out of the army. And he came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head. <sup>13</sup>And he came in, and behold, Eli sat on a seat by the wayside watching. For his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told it, all the city cried out. <sup>14</sup>And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *is* the noise of this tumult? And the man hurried in and told Eli. <sup>15</sup>And Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were dim so that he could not see. <sup>16</sup>And the man said to Eli, I *am* he who came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, What is done there, my son? <sup>17</sup>And the messenger answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people also. And also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God

is taken. <sup>18</sup>And it happened when he spoke of the ark of God, he fell backward off the seat, by the side of the gate. And his neck broke, and he died, for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

<sup>19</sup>And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, ready to be delivered. And when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed, for her pains came upon her. <sup>20</sup>And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said to her, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer, nor set her heart. <sup>21</sup>And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel, because the ark of God had been taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. <sup>22</sup>And she said, The glory is departed from Israel, for the ark of God is taken.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. <sup>2</sup>And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it beside Dagon. <sup>3</sup>And when those of Ashdod arose early on the next day, behold, Dagon *had* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon and set him in his place again. <sup>4</sup>And when they arose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon *had* fallen on his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dagon, and both the palms of his hands, *were* cut off upon the threshold. Only *the stump* of Dagon was left to him. <sup>5</sup>And neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

<sup>6</sup>And the hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He destroyed them and struck them with hemorrhoids, Ashdod and its borders. <sup>7</sup>And the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so. And they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not stay with us. For His hand is sore upon us and upon Dagon our god. <sup>8</sup>And they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them. And they said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried around *to* Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel around. <sup>9</sup>And it happened after they had carried it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city *with* a very great destruction. And He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and they had hemorrhoids in their secret parts. <sup>10</sup>And it happened that they sent the ark of God *to* Ekron. And as the ark of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought around the ark of the God of Israel to us in order to kill us and our people. <sup>11</sup>And they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people. For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city. The hand of God was very heavy there. <sup>12</sup>And the men that did not die were stricken with the hemorrhoids. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the ark of the LORD was in the field of the Philistines seven months. <sup>2</sup>And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? Tell us what we shall send with it to its place. <sup>3</sup>And they said, If *you* send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty. For you shall certainly send a guilt offering. Then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you. <sup>4</sup>And they said, What *shall* be the guilt offering which we shall return to Him? And they answered, Five golden hemorrhoids, and five golden mice, for the number of the lords of the Philistines. For one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords. <sup>5</sup>And you shall make

images of your hemorrhoids, and images of your mice which mar the land. And you shall give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps He will lighten His hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. <sup>6</sup>And why do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had worked wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and did they not depart? <sup>7</sup>And now make a new cart, and take two milk cows on which there has come no yoke, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them. <sup>8</sup>And take the ark of the LORD and lay it on the cart. And put the jewels of gold which you return to Him *for* a trespass offering in a box beside it. And send it away so that it may go. <sup>9</sup>And watch. If it goes up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, He has done us this great evil. But if not, then we shall know that *it is* not His hand that struck us. It was a chance that happened to us.

<sup>10</sup>And the men did so. And *they* took two milk cows and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home. <sup>11</sup>And they laid the ark of the LORD on the cart, and the box *with* the mice of gold and the images of their hemorrhoids. <sup>12</sup>And the cows took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, going along the highway, lowing as they went. And *they* did not turn aside to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth-shemesh. <sup>13</sup>And the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. <sup>14</sup>And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there beside a great stone. And they cut the wood of the cart and offered the cows *as* a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box in it, in which the jewels of gold were, and put *them* on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen, they returned *to* Ekron on that day.

<sup>17</sup>And these *are* the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines returned *for* a guilt offering to the LORD: for Ashdod, one; for Gaza, one; for Askelon one, for Gath, one; for Ekron, one. <sup>18</sup>And the golden mice were *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging to* the five lords, of fenced cities and of country villages, even to the great meadow on which they set down the ark of the LORD to this day, in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite. <sup>19</sup>And He struck the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He even struck seventy among the people, *including* fifty chief men. And the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. <sup>20</sup>And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall He go up from us? <sup>21</sup>And they sent messengers to the people of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD. Come down *and* bring it up to yourselves.

#### CHAPTER 7 .

<sup>1</sup>And the men of Kirjath-jearim came and brought up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill. And they sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And it happened from the day the ark *began to* dwell in Kirjath-jearim, the days became many; yea, they were twenty years. And all the house of Israel yearned after the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel saying, If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts to the LORD, and serve Him only. And He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

<sup>5</sup>And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And they were gathered to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured out before the LORD, and fasted on that day. And they said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in Mizpeh. <sup>7</sup>And the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had come together to Mizpeh. And the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And the sons of Israel heard, and they were afraid of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease from crying to the LORD our God for us, so that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. <sup>9</sup>And Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD heard him. <sup>10</sup>And it happened as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day on the Philistines, and troubled them. And they were beaten before Israel. <sup>11</sup>And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them as far as below Bethcar.

<sup>12</sup>And Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, The LORD has helped us until now. <sup>13</sup>And the Philistines were beaten, and they did not come any more into the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. <sup>14</sup>And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were given back to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath. And Israel delivered its borders out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

<sup>15</sup>And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. <sup>16</sup>And he went from year to year in a circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. <sup>17</sup>And his return was to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>And the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second was Abiah, judges in Beer-sheba. <sup>3</sup>And his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after ill gain and took bribes and perverted judgment. <sup>4</sup>And all the elders of Israel gathered themselves and came to Samuel to Ramah. <sup>5</sup>And they said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. <sup>6</sup>But the thing was evil in the eyes of Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. <sup>8</sup>According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even until this day — works with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods — so they do also to you. <sup>9</sup>And now listen to their voice. Only, you shall surely protest solemnly to them, and show them the kind of king who shall reign over them.

<sup>10</sup>And Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked a king of him. <sup>11</sup>And he said, This will be the kind of king who shall reign over you. He shall take your sons and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and his horsemen. And some shall run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup>And he will appoint captains over thousands, and captains over fifties, and some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and make his weapons of war and things for his chariots. <sup>13</sup>And he will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>And he will take your fields and your vineyards and your olive-yards, the best, and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup>And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give

it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup>And he will take your men-servants and your maid-servants, and your finest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take the tenth of your sheep, and you shall be his servants. <sup>18</sup>And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, No, but we will have a king over us. <sup>20</sup>And we shall be, also we, like all the nations, so that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles. <sup>21</sup>And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Every man go to his city.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And there was a man of Benjamin, and his name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. <sup>2</sup>And he had a son named Saul, a young and handsome one. And *there was* not a man among the sons of Israel more handsome than he, being taller than any of the people from his shoulder and upward. <sup>3</sup>And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Please take one of the servants with you and rise, and go look for the asses. <sup>4</sup>And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find *them*. And they passed through the land of Shallim, and *they were not there* And he passed through the land of Benjamin, but they did not find *them*. <sup>5</sup>And they came to the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant who was with him, Come and let us return lest my father quit caring for the asses, and be anxious about us. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, Behold now, in this city *is* a man of God, and an honorable man. All that he says surely comes to pass. Now let us go there. Perhaps he can show us our way that we *should* go. <sup>7</sup>Then Saul said to his servant, But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is gone, and *there is* no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have? <sup>8</sup>And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give *it* to the man of God to tell us our way. <sup>9</sup>(In the old days in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke in this way: Come, let us go to the seer, for a prophet was in the old days called a seer.) <sup>10</sup>And Saul said to his servant, Your word is good. Come, let us go. So they went into the city where the man of God *was*.

<sup>11</sup>As they went up the hill to the city, they found young women going out to draw water. And they said to them, Is the seer here? <sup>12</sup>And they answered them and said, He is. Behold, *he is* before you. Hurry now, for he came today to the city, for *there is* a feast of the people today in the high place. <sup>13</sup>As soon as you have come to the city, you shall immediately find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the feast. Afterwards those who have been invited eat. And now go up, for about this time you shall find him. <sup>14</sup>And they went up into the city. When they had come into the city, behold, Samuel came out across from them to go up to the high place. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, <sup>16</sup>Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin. And you shall anoint him to be captain over My people Israel, so that he may save My people out of the hand of the Philistines. For I have looked on My people because their cry has come to Me. <sup>17</sup>And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, Behold the man whom I spoke to you of! This *one* shall reign over My people.

<sup>18</sup>And Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate and said, Please tell me where the seer's house is. <sup>19</sup>And Samuel answered Saul and said, *I am* the seer. Go up before me to the high place. For you shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go, and will tell you all that *is* in your heart. <sup>20</sup>And as to the asses which were lost to you three days ago, do not set your mind on them. For they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house? <sup>21</sup>And Saul answered and said, *Am* I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of all the tribes of Israel? And *is* not my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak so to me? <sup>22</sup>And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chief place among those who had been invited, about thirty persons. <sup>23</sup>And Samuel said to the cook, Bring that part which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it beside you. <sup>24</sup>And the cook took up the shoulder and that on it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is reserved! Set it before you and eat. For until this time it has been kept for you, since I said, I have invited the people. And Saul ate with Samuel that day. <sup>25</sup>And they came down from the high place into the city, and he spoke with Saul on the top of the house.

<sup>26</sup>And they arose early. And it happened about the spring of the day that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, so that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and both of them went out, he and Samuel outside. <sup>27</sup>They were going down to the end of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, Tell the servant to pass on before us and cross over. And you stand still awhile, so that I may show you the word of God.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And Samuel took a vial of oil and poured on his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD has anointed you for a leader over His inheritance? <sup>2</sup>When you have departed from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's tomb in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. And they will say to you, The asses which you went to seek are found. And, lo, your father has quit caring for the asses and sorrows for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? <sup>3</sup>And you shall go forward from there, and you shall come to the great tree of Tabor. And there you shall meet three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine. <sup>4</sup>And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall take from their hands. <sup>5</sup>After that you shall come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines *is*. And it will happen to you when you come there to the city, even you shall meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a harp and a tabret and a pipe and a lyre before them. And they shall prophesy. <sup>6</sup>And the spirit of the LORD will come on you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man.

<sup>7</sup>And it will be when these signs have come to you, you will do for yourself what your hand finds; for God *is* with you. <sup>8</sup>And you shall go down before me to Gilgal. And, behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. You shall stay seven days until I come to you and make known to you what you shall do. <sup>9</sup>And it happened when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all those signs came to pass that day. <sup>10</sup>And when they came there to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him. And the Spirit of God came on him, and he prophesied among them. <sup>11</sup>And it happened when all who knew him before saw *him*, behold, he prophesied among *the* prophets. And the people said to one another, What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets? <sup>12</sup>And a man from

there answered and said, And who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is Saul also among the prophets?* <sup>13</sup>And he finished from prophesying, and he came to the high place.

<sup>14</sup>And Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, Where did you go? And he said, To look for the asses. And when we saw that *they were* nowhere to be found, we came to Samuel. <sup>15</sup>And Saul's uncle said, Please tell me, what Samuel said to you. <sup>16</sup>And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But he did not tell him of the matter of the kingdom of which Samuel spoke. <sup>17</sup>And Samuel called the people together to the LORD to Mizpeh. <sup>18</sup>And *he* said to the sons of Israel, So says the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, of those who oppressed you. <sup>19</sup>And you have this day rejected your God, who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations. And you have said to Him, you shall set a king over us. And now present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands. <sup>20</sup>And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. <sup>21</sup>When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken. And when they looked for him, he could not be found. <sup>22</sup>And they inquired of the LORD further, Has the man yet come here? And the LORD answered, Behold, he is hiding himself among the baggage. <sup>23</sup>And they ran and brought him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from the shoulders and upward. <sup>24</sup>And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, Let the king live! <sup>25</sup>Then Samuel told the people what kind of kingdom it was to be, and wrote in a book and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. <sup>26</sup>And Saul also went home to Gibeah. And a band of men went with him, whose hearts God had touched. <sup>27</sup>But the sons of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no presents. But he was silent.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And Nahash the Ammonite came up and camped against Jabesh-gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you. <sup>2</sup>And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, By this I will make a covenant with you, that I may put out all your right eyes and I will make it a reproach on all Israel. <sup>3</sup>And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Bear with us seven days, so that we may send messengers to all the territory of Israel. And then if *there is* no man to save us, we will come out to you. <sup>4</sup>Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and told the news in ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

<sup>5</sup>And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field. And Saul said, What *is wrong with* the people that they weep? And they told him the news of the men of Jabesh. <sup>6</sup>And the Spirit of God came on Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. <sup>7</sup>And he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. <sup>8</sup>And when he numbered them in Bezek, the sons of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. <sup>9</sup>And they said to the messengers that came, So shall you say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, Tomorrow by the *time* the sun is hot, you shall have help. And the messengers



came and told the men of Jabesh, and they were glad. <sup>10</sup>And the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you. <sup>11</sup>And it was so on the next day, Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the middle of the army at the morning watch. And they killed the Amorites until the heat of the day. And the ones who remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

<sup>12</sup>And the people said to Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men so that we may put them to death. <sup>13</sup>And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel. <sup>14</sup>Then Samuel said to the people, Come and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there. <sup>15</sup>And all the people went to Gilgal. And there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal, and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD. And there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. <sup>2</sup>And now, behold, the king walks before you. And I am old and gray-headed, and, behold, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my childhood to this day. <sup>3</sup>Behold, here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose ass have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I received a bribe, to blind my eyes with it? And I will restore it to you. <sup>4</sup>And they said, You have not defrauded us nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything from any man's hand. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they answered, He is witness. <sup>6</sup>And Samuel said to the people, It is the LORD who made Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>And now stand still, so that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and to your fathers. <sup>8</sup>When Jacob had come into Egypt, and your fathers cried to the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them live in this place. <sup>9</sup>And they forgot the LORD their God. And He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. <sup>10</sup>And they cried to the LORD, and said, We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baals and Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived safely. <sup>12</sup>And when you saw that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, you said to me, No, but a king shall reign over us, even though the LORD your God was your King. <sup>13</sup>And now, behold the king whom you have chosen, whom you have desired! And behold, the LORD has set a king over you! <sup>14</sup>If you will fear the LORD, and serve Him, and listen to His voice, and not rebel against the command of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you shall continue following the LORD your God. <sup>15</sup>But if you will not listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the command of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD shall be against you as it was against your fathers. <sup>16</sup>Also, now stand and see this great thing which the LORD shall do before your eyes. <sup>17</sup>Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call to the LORD, and He shall send thunder and rain, so that you may perceive and see

that your wickedness is great, that which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for you.

<sup>18</sup>And Samuel called to the LORD, And the LORD sent thunder and rain that day. And all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. <sup>19</sup>And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, so that we will not die. For we have added evil to all our sins, to ask a king for us. <sup>20</sup>And Samuel said to the people, Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. <sup>21</sup>And do not turn aside after vanities, which cannot profit nor deliver. For they *are* vain. <sup>22</sup>For the LORD will not forsake His people for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. <sup>23</sup>Also, I, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you. But I will teach you the good and the right way. <sup>24</sup>Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart. For consider what great *things* He has done for you. <sup>25</sup>But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Saul reigned one year, and when he had reigned *two more* years over Israel, <sup>2</sup>then Saul chose for himself three thousand from Israel. Two thousand of these were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And of the rest of the people he sent each man to his tent. <sup>3</sup>And Jonathan struck the company of the Philistines in Geba, and the Philistines heard. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. <sup>4</sup>And all Israel heard, saying, Saul has struck a garrison of the Philistines, and also Israel has made himself stink to the Philistines. And the people were called together to Gilgal after Saul. <sup>5</sup>And the Philistines gathered themselves to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people like the sand on the seashore in multitude. And they came up and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven. <sup>6</sup>And the men of Israel saw that they were in a tight place (for the people were distressed). And the people hid themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. <sup>7</sup>And the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. And Saul *was* still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him, trembling.

<sup>8</sup>And he waited seven days, according to the set time with Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal. And the people were scattered from him. <sup>9</sup>And Saul said, Bring a burnt offering here to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup>And it happened as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him so that he might greet him. <sup>11</sup>And Samuel said, What have you done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and you did not come in the days appointed, and the Philistines gathered themselves at Michmash, <sup>12</sup>and I said, The Philistines will come down now on me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD. And I forced myself and offered a burnt offering. <sup>13</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom on Israel forever. <sup>14</sup>But now your kingdom shall not go on. The LORD has sought Him a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* captain over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.

<sup>15</sup>And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people present with him, about six hundred men. <sup>16</sup>And Saul, and his son Jonathan, and the people present with them, stayed in Gibeah of

Benjamin. But the Philistines camped in Michmash. <sup>17</sup>And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned to the way to Ophrah, to the land of Shual. <sup>18</sup>And another company turned the way to Beth-horon. And one company turned the way of the border that looks toward the valley of Zebouim toward the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>And there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel. For the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears. <sup>20</sup>But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, each man to sharpen his plowshare, and his mattock, and his axe, and his coulter. <sup>21</sup>And there was the *charge* of a pim for the plowshares, and for the mattocks, and for the three-pronged forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. <sup>22</sup>And it happened in the day of battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan. But with Saul and with his son Jonathan there was found sword and spear. <sup>23</sup>And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And the day came that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison which is on the other side. But he did not tell his father. <sup>2</sup>And Saul stayed in the edge of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree in Migron. And the people who *were* with him *were* about six hundred men. <sup>3</sup>And Ahiah, the son of Abitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan was gone. <sup>4</sup>And between the passages by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison there *was* a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. And the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. <sup>5</sup>The one crag was on the north in front of Michmash, and the other southward in front of Gibeah. <sup>6</sup>And Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us. For *there is* no restraint to the LORD, to save by many or by few. <sup>7</sup>And his armor-bearer said to him, Do all that *is* in your heart. Turn, for behold, I *am* with you according to your heart. <sup>8</sup>And Jonathan said, Behold, we will go over to *these* men, and we will show ourselves to them. <sup>9</sup>If they say this to us, Stand still until we come to you, then we will stand still *in* our place and will not go up to them. <sup>10</sup>But if they say this, Come up to us, then we will go up, for the LORD has delivered them up into our hand. And this *shall be* a sign to us.

<sup>11</sup>And both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come out of the holes where they have hidden themselves. <sup>12</sup>And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed after him. <sup>14</sup>And *this* was the first blow, when Jonathan and his armor-bearer struck about twenty men in about half of a furrow of an acre of a field. <sup>15</sup>And there was trembling in the army, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the spoilers also trembled, and the earth quaked, and it was a very great trembling. <sup>16</sup>And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude had melted away, and they went on beating down. <sup>17</sup>And Saul said to the people with him, Number now and see who is gone from us. And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer *were* not *there*. <sup>18</sup>And Saul said to Ahiah, Bring the ark of God here. For the ark

of God was at that time with the sons of Israel. <sup>19</sup>And it happened, while Saul talked to the priest, the noise in the army of the Philistines went on and grew greater. And Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand. <sup>20</sup>And Saul and all the people with him gathered, and *they* went to the battle. And, behold, every man's sword *was* against his fellow, a very great panic. <sup>21</sup>And the Hebrews that were *with* the Philistines before, who had gone up with them into the camp all around, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites who *were* with Saul and Jonathan. <sup>22</sup>And all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in mount Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled, even they also followed them in the battle. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle passed over to Beth-aven.

<sup>24</sup>And the men of Israel were distressed on that day. For Saul had commanded the people, saying, Cursed *is* the man that eats food until evening, so that I may be avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted any food. <sup>25</sup>And all the men of the land came to a woods, and there was honey on the ground. <sup>26</sup>And when the people had come into the woods, behold, the honey dropped. But no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. <sup>27</sup>But Jonathan did not hear when his father commanded the people with the oath. And *he* put forth the end of the rod in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth. And his eyes were lightened. <sup>28</sup>And one from the people answered and said, Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *is* the man who eats food this day. And the people were weary. <sup>29</sup>Then Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. Please see how my eyes have been lightened because I tasted a little of this honey. <sup>30</sup>How much more if the people had happened to eat freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? For would not there have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? <sup>31</sup>And they struck the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon, and the people were very faint. <sup>32</sup>And the people flew on the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and killed *them* on the ground. And the people ate with the blood.

<sup>33</sup>And they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD in that they eat with the blood. And he said, You have transgressed. Roll a great stone to me today. <sup>34</sup>And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, Let each man bring his ox here, and each man his sheep, and kill *them* here, and eat. And do not sin against the LORD in eating with the blood. And each man of all the people brought his ox in his hand that night, and killed *them* there. <sup>35</sup>And Saul built an altar to the LORD. The same was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

<sup>36</sup>And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good to you. Then the priest said, Let us draw near here to God. <sup>37</sup>And Saul asked counsel of God: Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel? But He answered him not that day. <sup>38</sup>And Saul said, Draw near here, all the chief of the people, and know and see what this sin has been today. <sup>39</sup>For, *as* the LORD lives, He who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people answered. <sup>40</sup>Then he said to all Israel, You be on one side, and Jonathan my son and I will be on the other side. And the people said to Saul, Do what seems good to you. <sup>41</sup>And Saul said to the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people escaped. <sup>42</sup>And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and my son Jonathan. And Jonathan was taken. <sup>43</sup>Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan told him and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod in my hand, and, lo, here I *am*, I must die. <sup>44</sup>And Saul answered, God do so and more also, for you shall surely die,

Jonathan. <sup>45</sup>And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has worked out this great salvation in Israel? Far be it! *As* the LORD lives, not one hair of his head *shall* fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, so that he did not die. <sup>46</sup>Then Saul went up from following the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their own place.

<sup>47</sup>And Saul took the kingdom over Israel and fought against all his enemies on every side, with Moab, and with the sons of Ammon, and with Edom, and with the kings of Zobah, and with the Philistines. And wherever he turned himself, he troubled *them*. <sup>48</sup>And he gathered an army and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who spoiled them. <sup>49</sup>And the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua. And the names of his two daughters: His first-born's name *was* Merab, and the name of the younger, Michal. <sup>50</sup>And the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the captain of his army *was* Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. <sup>51</sup>And Kish *was* the father of Saul. And Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.

<sup>52</sup>And the war was heavy against the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man, or any brave man, he took him to himself.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, I will visit Amalek with what he did to Israel, how he set against him in the way when he came up from Egypt. <sup>3</sup>Now go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. <sup>4</sup>And Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah. <sup>5</sup>And Saul came to a city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. <sup>6</sup>And Saul said to the Kenites, Go! Depart! Get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. <sup>7</sup>And Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah, as you come to Shur, which *is* over across from Egypt. <sup>8</sup>And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive. And he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. <sup>9</sup>But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings and the lambs, and all that *was* good, and would not completely destroy them. But everything that was vile and feeble they completely destroyed.

<sup>10</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Samuel saying, <sup>11</sup>It repents Me that I have set up Saul *to be* king. For he has turned back from following Me and has not done My commands. And it grieved Samuel, and *he* cried out to the Lord all night. <sup>12</sup>And when Samuel rose up early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told to Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a place for himself, and has gone around and passed on and gone down to Gilgal. <sup>13</sup>And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, You *are* blessed of the LORD. I have done the command of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And Samuel said, What then *is* this bleating of the flock in my ears? And what *is* the sound of the herd which I hear? <sup>15</sup>And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites. For the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God. And the rest we have completely destroyed. <sup>16</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, Stop! And I will tell you what the LORD has said to me tonight. And he said to him, Say on. <sup>17</sup>And Samuel said, When you *were* little in your own sight you *became* the head of the

tribes of Israel. And the LORD anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD sent you on the way and said, Go and completely destroy the sinners, Amalek, and fight against them until you destroy them. <sup>19</sup>Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did *you* fly on the spoil and do evil in the sight of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>And Saul said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. <sup>21</sup>But the people took sheep and oxen from the spoil, the best of the things which should have been completely destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal. <sup>22</sup>And Samuel said, Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice! To listen *is better* than the fat of rams! <sup>23</sup>For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idol-worship. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king! <sup>24</sup>And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned. For I have disobeyed the command of the LORD, and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. <sup>25</sup>And now please pardon my sin and turn again with me so that I may worship the LORD. <sup>26</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.

<sup>27</sup>And Samuel turned around to go, and he laid hold on the skirt of his mantle, and it tore. <sup>28</sup>And Samuel said to him, The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours *who is* better than you. <sup>29</sup>And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent, for He *is* not a man that He should repent. <sup>30</sup>Then he said, I have sinned. Please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and turn again with me. And I shall worship the LORD your God. <sup>31</sup>And Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD. <sup>32</sup>And Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him daintily. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. <sup>33</sup>And Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. <sup>34</sup>And Samuel went to Ramah. And Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>And Samuel never again saw Saul until the day of his death, for Samuel mourned for Saul. And the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem. For I have seen a king for Me among his sons. <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hears, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for Me whomever I name to you. <sup>4</sup>And Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming and said, Do you come peaceably? <sup>5</sup>And he said, Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>And it happened as they came in, he saw Eliab and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before Him. <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not look on his face, nor on his height, because I have refused him. For He does not *see* as man sees. For man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart. <sup>8</sup>And Jesse called Abinadab, and he passed him before Samuel, but he said, Also

the LORD has not chosen this *one*.<sup>9</sup> And Jesse passed Shammah by, but he said, Also the LORD has not chosen this *one*.<sup>10</sup> And Jesse passed seven of his sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, The LORD has not chosen these.<sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, Are all the young men *here*? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.<sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. And he *was* ruddy, with beautiful eyes and good form. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him. For *this* is he.<sup>13</sup> And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the spirit of the LORD came on David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

<sup>14</sup>But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrified him.<sup>15</sup> And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God terrifies you.<sup>16</sup> Let our lord now command his servants before you to seek out a man *who is* a skillful player on a harp. And when the evil spirit from God is on you, it shall be that he shall play *with* his hand, and it *shall be* with you.<sup>17</sup> And Saul said to his servants, Now look for me a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me.<sup>18</sup> And one of the servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite *who is* skillful in playing, and a mighty warrior and a man of battle, and prudent in speech. And he is a person of good form, and the LORD *is* with him.<sup>19</sup> And Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send me your son David, *who is* with the sheep.<sup>20</sup> And Jesse took an ass *loaded* with bread and a bottle of wine and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son to Saul.<sup>21</sup> And David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.<sup>22</sup> And Saul sent to Jesse saying, Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.<sup>23</sup> And it happened when the spirit from God was on Saul, that David took a harp and played with his hand. And there was relief for Saul, and *it was* well *with* him, and the evil spirit departed from him.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And the Philistines gathered their armies together, and had gathered *at* Socoh of Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.<sup>2</sup> And Saul and the men of Israel had gathered and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in order against the Philistines.<sup>3</sup> And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one *side*, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other *side*. And *there was* a valley between them.

<sup>4</sup>And a champion named Goliath came out of the Philistines camp; *he was* from Gath. His height *was* six cubits and a span.<sup>5</sup> And a bronze helmet *was* on his head, and he was armed *with* a scaled armor. And the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.<sup>6</sup> And *he had* greaves of bronze on his legs, and a bronze buckler of bronze between his shoulders.<sup>7</sup> And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam. And his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron. And one went in front of him, carrying a shield.<sup>8</sup> And he stood and cried to the armies of Israel, and said to them, Why have you come out to set your battle in order? *Am* I not a Philistine, and are you not servants to Saul? Choose a man for you, and let him come down to me.<sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.<sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man, and we will fight together.<sup>11</sup> And Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>12</sup>And David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem-judah whose name *was* Jesse. And Jesse *had* eight sons. And the man was an old man in the days of

Saul.<sup>13</sup> And the three oldest sons of Jesse went out, and followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the first-born; and his second, Abinadab; and the third Shammah.<sup>14</sup> And David *was* the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul.<sup>15</sup> And David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

<sup>16</sup>And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesse said to his son David, Please take for your brothers an ephah of this parched *grain*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers.

<sup>18</sup>And carry these ten cuttings of cheeses to the captain of *their* thousand, and see how your brothers *are* faring, and take their pledge.<sup>19</sup> And Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah fighting with the Philistines.<sup>20</sup> And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper, and got up and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the barricade, and to the army *which* was going out to fight, and shouted for the battle.<sup>21</sup> For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in order, rank to rank.<sup>22</sup> And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage and ran into the army, and came and greeted his brothers.<sup>23</sup> And he was speaking with them. And, behold, the champion man, named *Goliath* of Gath, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke according to these words. And David heard.

<sup>24</sup>And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, *they* ran from him and were very much afraid.<sup>25</sup> And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man that has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And it shall be, the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.<sup>26</sup> And David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine and takes away this shame from Israel? For *who is* this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? <sup>27</sup>And the people answered him in this way, saying, So shall it be done to the man who kills him.<sup>28</sup> And his oldest brother Eliab heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David. And he said, Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the naughtiness of your heart. For you have come down so that you might see the battle.<sup>29</sup> And David said, What have I done now? Was it not but a word? <sup>30</sup>And he turned from him toward another, and spoke in the same way. And the people answered him again in the same way.

<sup>31</sup>And the words which David spoke were heard. And they were told before Saul. And he sent for him.<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.<sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him. For *you are* but a youth, and he *is* a man of war from his youth.<sup>34</sup> And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock.<sup>35</sup> And I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb out of its mouth. And when it rose against me, I caught *it* by the beard, and struck it and killed it.<sup>36</sup> Your servant killed both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.<sup>37</sup> And David said, The LORD who has delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and may the LORD be with you.<sup>38</sup> And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of bronze on his head. He also armed him with scaled armor.<sup>39</sup> And David girded his sword on his armor, and he tried to go. But he had not tested *it*. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have not tested *them*. And David put them off him.



<sup>40</sup>And he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones out of the brook for himself, and put them in a shepherd's vessel which he had, even in a bag. And his sling *was* in his hand. And he drew near the Philistine. <sup>41</sup>And the Philistine came on and drew near David. And the man who bore the shield *was* before him. <sup>42</sup>And the Philistine looked and saw David, and disdained him. For he was only a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, *Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?* And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field. <sup>45</sup>And David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a shield. But I come to you in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>The LORD will deliver you into my hand today, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And I will give the bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air today, and to the wild beasts of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>And all this multitude shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands.

<sup>48</sup>And it happened when the Philistine rose and went and drew near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the ranks to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand into his bag and took a stone from there, and threw it with his sling and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead. And he fell on his face to the earth. <sup>50</sup>And David was stronger than the Philistine with a sling and with a stone. And he struck the Philistine, and killed him. But no sword *was* in the hand of David. <sup>51</sup>And David ran and stood on the Philistine, and took out his sword and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, and fled. <sup>52</sup>And the men of Israel and Judah pursued the Philistines until you come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and to Ekron. <sup>53</sup>And the sons of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. <sup>54</sup>And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem. But he put his armor in his tent.

<sup>55</sup>And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the army, Abner, whose son *is* this young man? And Abner said, *As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell.* <sup>56</sup>And the king said, You go ask whose son the young man *is.* <sup>57</sup>And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. <sup>58</sup>And Saul said to him, Whose son *are* you, young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was joined with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as he did his own soul. <sup>2</sup>And Saul took him that day and would not let him go home to his father's house any more. <sup>3</sup>And Jonathan and David cut a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup>And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* on him and gave it to David, and it all his clothing, even to his sword and to his bow and to his girdle. <sup>5</sup>And David went out wherever Saul sent him, behaving himself wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

<sup>6</sup>And it happened as they came in, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, as they came the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and

dancing, to meet king Saul with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. <sup>7</sup>And the women answered as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. <sup>8</sup>And Saul was very angry, and this thing was evil in his eyes. And he said, They have given David ten thousands, and to me *they* have given only thousands. And *what* more can he have but the kingdom? <sup>9</sup>And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. <sup>10</sup>And it happened on the next day the evil spirit *from* God came on Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. And David played with his hand, as at other times. And a javelin *was* in Saul's hand. <sup>11</sup>And Saul threw the javelin. For he said, I will strike David even to the wall. And David drew back out of his presence twice. <sup>12</sup>And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him and had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup>And Saul moved him away from himself, and made him his captain over a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. <sup>14</sup>And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways. And the LORD *was* with him. <sup>15</sup>And when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. <sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. <sup>17</sup>And Saul said to David, Behold I will give you my older daughter Merab for a wife. Only you must be brave for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him. <sup>18</sup>And David said to Saul, Who *am* I, and what *is* my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king? <sup>19</sup>And it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter should have been given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite to be his wife.

<sup>20</sup>And Saul's daughter Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. <sup>21</sup>And Saul said, I will give her to him, so that she may be a trap to him, and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. And Saul said to David a second time, Today you shall be my son-in-law. <sup>22</sup>And Saul commanded his servants, Talk with David secretly and say, Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you. And now be the king's son-in-law. <sup>23</sup>And Saul's servants spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, *Is it a light thing* to be a king's son-in-law, since I am a poor man and of little worth? <sup>24</sup>And the servants of Saul told him saying, This is the way David spoke. <sup>25</sup>And Saul said, You shall say this to David, The king does not desire any dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. <sup>26</sup>And when his servants told David these words, it was right in the eyes of David to be the king's son-in-law. And the days were not fulfilled. <sup>27</sup>And David arose and went forth, he and his men. And *they* killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king so that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife. <sup>28</sup>And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him. <sup>29</sup>And Saul was still more afraid of David. And Saul became David's enemy continually.

<sup>30</sup>And the rulers of the Philistines came out. And it happened as often as they came out, David acted more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was very precious.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And Saul said to his son Jonathan, and to all his servants, to kill David. <sup>2</sup>But Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David very much. And Jonathan told David, saying, My father Saul seeks to kill you. And now please be careful until morning, and stay in a secret *place*, and hide yourself. <sup>3</sup>And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you *are*, and I will talk about you with my father. And I

will tell you what I see. <sup>4</sup>And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works *are* very good toward you. <sup>5</sup>For he took his life in his hand and killed the Philistine, and the LORD worked out a great salvation for all Israel. You saw and rejoiced! Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause? <sup>6</sup>And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. And Saul swore, *As* the LORD lives, he shall not be killed! <sup>7</sup>And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence *as* in times past. <sup>8</sup>And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter. And they fled from him. <sup>9</sup>And the evil spirit from the LORD was on Saul as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand. And David played with *his* hand. <sup>10</sup>And Saul thought to strike David even to the wall with the javelin. But he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he struck the javelin into the wall. And David ran and escaped that night.

<sup>11</sup>Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And David's wife Michal told him saying, If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be killed. <sup>12</sup>And Michal let David down through a window. And he left and hurried away, and escaped. <sup>13</sup>And Michal took an image and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* at its head, and covered it with a cloth. <sup>14</sup>And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. <sup>15</sup>And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed so that I may kill him. <sup>16</sup>And the messengers came in, and behold, the image was in the bed with a pillow of goats' *hair* at its head. <sup>17</sup>And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me so, and sent away my enemy so that he has escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go; why should I kill you?

<sup>18</sup>And David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel, to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived in Naioth. <sup>19</sup>And it was told to Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah. <sup>20</sup>And Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was on the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. <sup>21</sup>And they told Saul, and he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers the third time, and they prophesied also. <sup>22</sup>And he also went to Ramah, and came to a great well *in* Sechu. And he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, at Naioth in Ramah. <sup>23</sup>And he went there to Naioth in Ramah. And the Spirit of God was on him also, and going on he went and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. <sup>24</sup>And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel, even he. And *he* lay down naked all that day and all that night. Because of this they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? What *is* my iniquity, and what my sin before your father, that he seeks my life? <sup>2</sup>And he said to him, Far be it. You shall not die! Behold, my father will do nothing either great or small that he will not show to me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? *It is not so.* <sup>3</sup>And David again swore and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes. And he said, Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be full of sorrow. But truly *as* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, only a step *is* between me and death. <sup>4</sup>And Jonathan said to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do for you. <sup>5</sup>And

David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go so that I may hide myself in the field until the third *day* at evening. <sup>6</sup>If your father misses me at all, then say, David earnestly asked me that he might run to his city Bethlehem. For there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. <sup>7</sup>If he says, *It is well*, your servant shall have peace, but if he is very angry, be sure that evil is determined by him. <sup>8</sup>And you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is any iniquity in me, kill me yourself. For why should you bring me to your father? <sup>9</sup>And Jonathan said, Far be it from you. For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come on you, then would I not tell you? <sup>10</sup>Then David said to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? Or what if your father answers you roughly? <sup>11</sup>And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go into the field. And both of them went out into the field. <sup>12</sup>And Jonathan said to David, By the LORD, the God of Israel, when I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow or the third *day*, behold, if *there is* good toward David, then shall I not send to you and show it to you? <sup>13</sup>If it pleases my father to *do* you evil, then may the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan if I do not show it to you and send you away so that you may go in peace. And may the LORD be with you, as He has been with my father. <sup>14</sup>And you shall not only show me the kindness of the LORD while I still live, so that I do not die, <sup>15</sup>but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off the enemies of David, every one, from the face of the earth. <sup>16</sup>So Jonathan *covenanted* with the house of David, *saying*, Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies. <sup>17</sup>And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him. For he loved him as he loved his own soul.

<sup>18</sup>And Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon. And you shall be missed, because your seat will be empty. <sup>19</sup>And on the third *day* you shall quickly come down and shall come there to the place where you were hidden in the day of the deed. And you shall remain near the stone Ezel. <sup>20</sup>And I will shoot three arrows on the side, as though I shot at a mark. <sup>21</sup>And behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go find the arrows. If I carefully say to the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of you, take them, then you may come, for *there is* peace to you, and no hurt, *as* the LORD lives. <sup>22</sup>But if I say this to the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond you, go your way, for the LORD has sent you away. <sup>23</sup>And as to the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, may the LORD *be* between you and me forever.

<sup>24</sup>And David hid himself in the field. And when the new moon had come, the king sat down by the food to eat. <sup>25</sup>And the king sat on his seat as at other times, on a seat by the wall. And Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. <sup>26</sup>And Saul did not speak anything that day. For he thought, Something has happened to him; he is not clean. Surely he is not clean. <sup>27</sup>And it happened on the next day, the second of the month, David's place was empty. And Saul said to his son Jonathan, Why does the son of Jesse not come to the meal, neither yesterday nor today? <sup>28</sup>And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked of me to go to Bethlehem, <sup>29</sup>and he said, Please send me away, for we have a family sacrifice in the city. And my brother commanded me to *be there*. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, I pray you let me get away and see my brothers. And he does not come to the king's table. <sup>30</sup>And Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of a perverse, rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own confusion, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? <sup>31</sup>For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom.

And now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.<sup>32</sup> And Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, Why shall he be killed? What has he done?<sup>33</sup> And Saul threw a javelin at him to strike him, and by this Jonathan knew that his father was determined to kill David.<sup>34</sup> And Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon. For he was grieved for David, because his father had put him to shame.

<sup>35</sup>And it happened, in the morning Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David. And a little lad *was* with him.<sup>36</sup> And he said to this lad, Run now, find the arrows which I shoot. As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.<sup>37</sup> And when the lad had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond you? <sup>38</sup>And Jonathan cried after the lad, Hurry, make haste, do not stand. And Jonathan's lad gathered the arrow and came to his master.<sup>39</sup> But the lad did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.<sup>40</sup> And Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, Go, carry *them* to the city.<sup>41</sup> As soon as the lad had gone, David rose from the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times. And they kissed one another, and wept with one another, until David checked himself.<sup>42</sup> And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace because we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed, forever. And he rose and went away. And Jonathan went *into* the city.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said to him, Why *are* you alone, and no man with you? <sup>2</sup>And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has commanded me a business and has said to me, Let no man know *of* the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you. And I have sent servants to such and such a place.<sup>3</sup> And therefore, what is under your hand? Give five *loaves* of bread in my hand, or what there is to be found.<sup>4</sup> And the priest answered David and said, *There is* no common bread under my hand, but there is holy bread if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.<sup>5</sup> And David answered the priest and said to him, Truly women *have been* kept from us for about three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *in* a way the holy *bread* is common. Also surely today it is sanctified in the vessels.<sup>6</sup> And the priest gave him holy *bread*. For there was no bread there but the showbread that was taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in on the day when it was taken away.

<sup>7</sup>And a man from the servants of Saul *was* there that day, held before the LORD. And his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.<sup>8</sup> And David said to Ahimelech, And is there not here under your hand spear or sword? For I have not brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business needed haste.<sup>9</sup> And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in a cloth under the ephod, if you desire it for yourself, for *there is* no other here except that one. And David said, *There is* none like that. Give it to me.

<sup>10</sup>And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.<sup>11</sup> And the servants of Achish said to him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, saying, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? <sup>12</sup>And David laid up these words in his heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.<sup>13</sup> And he changed his behavior before them, and pretended himself to be mad in their

hands, and marked on the doors of the gate and let his spittle fall down on his beard. <sup>14</sup>Then Achish said to his servants, Lo, you see the man is mad. Why have you brought him to me? <sup>15</sup>Do I have need of mad men, that you have brought this one to show madness in my presence? Shall this one come into my house?

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And David left there and escaped to the cave Adullam. And his brothers and all his father's house heard, and went down to him there. <sup>2</sup>And every man in distress, and every man who had a creditor, and every man bitter of soul, gathered themselves to him. And he became a captain over them. And about four hundred men were with him. <sup>3</sup>And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, Please let my father and my mother come forth *and be* with you until I know what God will do for me. <sup>4</sup>And he brought them before the king of Moab. And they lived with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. <sup>5</sup>And the prophet Gad said to David, Do not stay in the stronghold. Leave and go into the land of Judah. And David left and came into the forest of Hareth. <sup>6</sup>And Saul heard that David and the men with him had been discovered. And Saul was staying in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand. And all his servants *were* standing about him. <sup>7</sup>And Saul said to his servants standing by him, Now hear, Benjamites, will the son of Jesse give to any of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds? <sup>8</sup>But all of you have conspired against me, and none of you was revealing *in* my ear when my son cut a *covenant* with the son of Jesse? And not one of you *is* sorry for me, even to reveal *in* my ear that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as today. <sup>9</sup>And answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. <sup>10</sup>And he asked of the LORD for him and gave him food and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. <sup>11</sup>And the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob. And they came, all of them, to the king. <sup>12</sup>And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am*, my lord. <sup>13</sup>And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have asked of God for him, that he should rise against me to lie in wait, as at this day? <sup>14</sup>And Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who *is* so faithful among all your servants as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and *who* goes at your bidding, and who is honorable in your house? <sup>15</sup>Have I today begun to ask of God for him? Be it far from me. Do not let the king charge a thing to his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, more or less. <sup>16</sup>And the king said, Ahimelech, you shall surely die, you and all your father's house. <sup>17</sup>And the king said to the guard that stood around him, Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall on the priests of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And the king said to Doeg, You turn and fall on the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned and fell on the priests. And on that day he killed eighty-five persons who wore a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>And he struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and babes, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

<sup>20</sup>And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. <sup>21</sup>And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests. <sup>22</sup>And David said to Abiathar, I knew that day, when Doeg the

Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the *death* of all the persons of your father's house. <sup>23</sup>Stay with me, and do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life. But you *shall be* in safekeeping with me.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors. <sup>2</sup>And David asked of the LORD, saying, Shall I go? And shall I strike these Philistines? And the LORD said to David, Go and strike the Philistines, and save Keilah. <sup>3</sup>And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we come *to* Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? <sup>4</sup>And David inquired of the LORD once again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand. <sup>5</sup>And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. And they led away their cattle and struck them *with* a great slaughter. And David saved the people of Keilah.

<sup>6</sup>And it happened when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David *to* Keilah, he came down *with* an ephod in his hand. <sup>7</sup>And it was told Saul that David had come *to* Keilah. And Saul said, God has delivered him into my hands, for he is shut in by entering into a town that has gates and bars. <sup>8</sup>And Saul *called* all the people together to war, to go down *to* Keilah to besiege David and his men. <sup>9</sup>And David knew that Saul secretly planned evil against him. And *he* said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod here. <sup>10</sup>And David said, O Lord God of Israel, Your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. <sup>11</sup>Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down as Your servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beg of You, tell Your servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. <sup>12</sup>And David said, Will the men of Keilah shut up me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will shut *you* up. <sup>13</sup>And David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah and went wherever they could go. And it was told to Saul that David had escaped from Keilah. And he did not go forth. <sup>14</sup>And David stayed in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in the stronghold in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul looked for him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.

<sup>15</sup>And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a woods. <sup>16</sup>And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in God. <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. And you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. And my father Saul knows that also. <sup>18</sup>And the two of them cut a covenant before the LORD. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his house. <sup>19</sup>And the men of Ziph came up to Saul, to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of the wilderness? <sup>20</sup>And now, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul. Come down, and *it is* for us to shut him up into the king's hand. <sup>21</sup>And Saul said, Blessed *are* you from the LORD, for you have pity on me. <sup>22</sup>Please go, make *more* sure, and know and see the place where his foot is. Who has seen him there? For I am told *that* he deals very wisely. <sup>23</sup>And see and know of all the hiding places where he hides himself there, and return to me prepared. And I will go with you. And it shall be, if he is in the land, I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. <sup>24</sup>And they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain, on the south of the desert. <sup>25</sup>Saul and his men also went to look for *him*. And they told David. And he came down from

the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard, he followed after David in the wilderness of Maon. <sup>26</sup>And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David hurried to get away for fear of Saul. For Saul and his men were encircling David and his men, to take them. <sup>27</sup>And a messenger came to Saul, saying, Hurry and come! For the Philistines have invaded the land. <sup>28</sup>And Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place, The Rock of the Division. <sup>29</sup>And David went up from there and stayed in strongholds at Engedi.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, they told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of Engedi. <sup>2</sup>And Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the front of the rocks of the wild goats. <sup>3</sup>And he came to the folds of the flock on the way, where there *was* a cave. And Saul went in to cover his feet. And David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. <sup>4</sup>And the men of David said to him, Behold, this is the day of which the LORD said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand so that you may do to him as it shall seem good to you. And David arose and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly. <sup>5</sup>And it happened afterward David's heart struck him because he had cut off Saul's skirt. <sup>6</sup>And he said to his men, Far be it from me, by the LORD, if I will do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him, since he *is* the anointed of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And David held back his men with words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave and went on *his* way.

<sup>8</sup>And David arose afterward and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And Saul looked behind him. And David bowed his face to the earth and prostrated himself. <sup>9</sup>And David said to Saul, Why do you hear man's words, saying, Behold, David seeks to do you evil? <sup>10</sup>Behold, your eyes have seen today how the LORD had delivered you today into my hand in the cave. And *one* said for me to kill you. But I had pity on you. And I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he *is* the LORD's anointed. <sup>11</sup>And, my father, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand. For in that I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, know and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my soul to take it. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD judge between me and you, and may the LORD avenge me of you. But my hand shall not be on you. <sup>13</sup>As the ancient proverb says, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked. But my hand shall not be on you. <sup>14</sup>After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog? After a flea? <sup>15</sup>May the LORD therefore be judge, and judge between you and me, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand.

<sup>16</sup>And it happened when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>17</sup>And he said to David, You *are* more righteous than I, for you have rewarded me with good, but I have rewarded you evil. <sup>18</sup>And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me, because when the LORD had delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. <sup>19</sup>For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go completely away? And may the LORD reward good for what you have done to me this day. <sup>20</sup>And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall he established in your hand. <sup>21</sup>And swear therefore to me before the LORD that you will not cut off my seed after me, and



that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house. <sup>22</sup>And David swore to Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his men went up into the hold.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And Samuel died. And all the Israelites were gathered, and lamented him and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran. <sup>2</sup>And a certain man *was* in Maon, and his work *was* in Carmel. And the man *was* very great, and *had* three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. <sup>3</sup>And the man's name *was* Nabal, and his wife's name *was* Abigail. And *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful form. But the man *was* cruel and evil *in his* dealings. And he *was* of Caleb. <sup>4</sup>And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. <sup>5</sup>And David sent out ten young men. And David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. <sup>6</sup>And you shall say this to him who lives *prosperously*, Peace *be* to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all that you have. <sup>7</sup>And now I have heard that you have shearers. And we did not hurt your shepherds who were with us; neither was there anything missing to them all the while they were in Carmel. <sup>8</sup>Ask your young men, and they will tell you. And let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we come in a good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.

<sup>9</sup>And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and stopped. <sup>10</sup>And Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who *is* David? And who *is* the son of Jesse? The servants who have broken away, a man from their masters, have multiplied. <sup>11</sup>Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men about whom I know not where they come from? <sup>12</sup>And David's young men turned their way and went again, and came and told him all those things. <sup>13</sup>And David said to his men, Let each man gird on his sword. And they each one girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, and two hundred stayed by the staff.

<sup>14</sup>And one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold! David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master, and he screamed at them. <sup>15</sup>But the men were *very* good to us, and we were not hurt, neither did we miss anything as long as we were going to and fro among them, when we were in the fields. <sup>16</sup>They were a wall to us both by night and day all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. <sup>17</sup>And now know and consider what you will do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his household. For he *is* a son of worthlessness, so that none can speak to him. <sup>18</sup>And Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *grain*, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and laid *them* on asses. <sup>19</sup>And she said to her servants, Go on before me. Behold, I am coming after you. But she did not tell her husband Nabal. <sup>20</sup>And it happened, she was riding on the ass and coming down under cover of the mountain. And behold, David and his men came down across from her. And she met them. <sup>21</sup>And David had said, Surely in vain I have kept all that *belongs* to this fellow in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *was* his. And he has requited me evil for good. <sup>22</sup>So and more also may God do to the enemies of David, if I leave any of all that *is* his to the light of the morning that waters, of one who urinates against the wall.

<sup>23</sup>And Abigail saw David and hurried and dismounted from the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. <sup>24</sup>And she fell at his

feet and said, On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be. And please let your handmaid speak in your ears, and hear the words of your handmaid. <sup>25</sup>Please do not let my lord regard this man of worthlessness, Nabal. For as his name *is*, so he *is*. Nabal *is* his name, and foolishness *is* with him. And I, your handmaid, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. <sup>26</sup>And now, my lord, *as* the LORD lives and *as* your soul lives, since the LORD has withheld you from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those that seek to do evil to my lord, be as Nabal. <sup>27</sup>And now this blessing which your handmaid has brought to my lord, let it even be given to the young men who follow my lord. <sup>28</sup>Please forgive the trespass of your handmaid. For the LORD will certainly make a sure house for my lord, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil has not been found in you *all* your days. <sup>29</sup>Yet a man has risen to pursue you and to seek your soul. But the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD your God. And the souls of your enemies, He shall sling them from the hollow of a sling. <sup>30</sup>And it shall be, when the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and shall have made you ruler over Israel, <sup>31</sup>this shall be no stumbling to you, nor offence of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood for nothing, or *that* my lord has delivered himself. And may the LORD deal well with my lord, and you remember your handmaid.

<sup>32</sup>And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who sent you today to meet me. <sup>33</sup>And blessed *is* your advice, and blessed *are* you who have kept me from coming to shed blood today, and from delivering myself *with* my own hand. <sup>34</sup>And truly, *as* the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from doing evil to you, for unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal by the morning light one who urinates against the wall. <sup>35</sup>And David received from her hand that which she had brought him, and said to her, Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice and have accepted your person.

<sup>36</sup>And Abigail came to Nabal. And behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he *was* very drunk. And she did not tell him anything, more or less, until the morning light. <sup>37</sup>And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal and his wife had told him these things, his heart died within him and he became like a stone. <sup>38</sup>And it happened about ten days *afterward* the LORD struck Nabal so that he died. <sup>39</sup>And David heard that Nabal had died, and he said, Blessed *is* the LORD who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil. For the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head. And David sent and spoke with Abigail, to take her to him for a wife. <sup>40</sup>And David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, and spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you to take you to him for a wife. <sup>41</sup>And she arose and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* your handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. <sup>42</sup>And Abigail hurried and arose, and rode on an ass, with five of her maidens who went after her. And she followed the messengers of David and became his wife. <sup>43</sup>David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel. And they became, both of them, his wives. <sup>44</sup>And Saul gave his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, who *was* of Gallim.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself in the hill of Hachilah, on the edge of the desert? <sup>2</sup>And Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph, having three

thousand chosen men of Israel with him. <sup>3</sup>And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the edge of the desert, by the highway. And David was staying in the wilderness. And he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. <sup>4</sup>And David sent out spies and knew that Saul had come indeed. <sup>5</sup>And David arose and came to the place where Saul had pitched. And David saw the place where Saul lay. And Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army, and Saul were lying within the barricade. And the people pitched all around him. <sup>6</sup>And David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to the camp to Saul? And Abishai said, I will go down with you. <sup>7</sup>So David and Abishai came to the people by night. And behold, Saul lay sleeping in the tent, and his spear stuck in the ground at his head. But Abner and the people lay around him. <sup>8</sup>And Abishai said to David, God has shut up your enemy into your hand this day. And please let me strike him with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not repeat it to him. <sup>9</sup>And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him. For who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? <sup>10</sup>And David said As the LORD lives, except the LORD strike him, or his day shall come, and he dies, or he goes down to battle and is consumed, <sup>11</sup>far be it from me by the LORD, from putting forth my hand against the LORD's anointed. And now, please take the spear at his head and the cruse of water, and we will go. <sup>12</sup>And David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head. And they went away, and no one saw, and no one knew; and no one was awake; for all of them were sleeping, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

<sup>13</sup>And David went over to the other side and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great space between them. <sup>14</sup>And David cried to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? And Abner answered and said, Who are you that cries to the king? <sup>15</sup>And David said to Abner, Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? But why have you not watched over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king. <sup>16</sup>This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, because you have not watched over your master, the LORD's anointed, you also are worthy to die. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head.

<sup>17</sup>And Saul knew David's voice and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. <sup>18</sup>And he said, Why does my lord pursue after his servant this way? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand? <sup>19</sup>And now, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering. But if it is the sons of men, they are cursed before the LORD. For they have driven me out today from joining myself with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. <sup>20</sup>And now, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains. <sup>21</sup>And Saul said, I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will never do you harm any more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have greatly erred. <sup>22</sup>And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! And let one of the young men come over and get it. <sup>23</sup>May the LORD give to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness. For the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed. <sup>24</sup>And behold, as your life was precious in my eyes this day, so let my life be precious in the eyes of the LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation. <sup>25</sup>And Saul said to David, Blessed are you, my son David. You shall both do great things and also shall still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. Nothing is better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines. And Saul shall despair of seeking me any more in any border of Israel, and so I shall escape out of his hand. <sup>2</sup>And David arose and passed over, he and the six hundred men with him to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. <sup>3</sup>And David lived with Achish of Gath, he and his men, each one with his household; David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's former wife. <sup>4</sup>And Saul was told that David had fled to Gath. And he never again looked for him.

<sup>5</sup>And David said to Achish, If I have now found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country so that I may live there. For why should your servant live in the royal city with you? <sup>6</sup>And Achish gave him Ziklag that day. And Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day. <sup>7</sup>And the number of days that David lived in the field of the Philistines was a *year of days* and four months. <sup>8</sup>And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites. For they *were* the inhabitants of the land, as you come into Shur, even into the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>And David struck the land, and did not keep alive man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep and the oxen and the asses and the camels and the clothing, and returned and came to Achish. <sup>10</sup>And Achish said, Where have you made a raid today? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. <sup>11</sup>And David did not keep alive man or woman to bring news to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So David did, and so has *been* his custom all the days he lived in the fields of the Philistines. <sup>12</sup>And Achish believed David, saying, He has made himself to be hated among his people Israel, and has become my servant forever.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And in those days it happened that the Philistines gathered their armies for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, You surely know that you shall go with me to battle, you and your men. <sup>2</sup>And David said to Achish, Surely you shall know what your servants can do. And Achish said to David, And I will make you keeper of my head forever. <sup>3</sup>And Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned him and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. <sup>4</sup>And the Philistines gathered themselves and came and pitched in Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel and they pitched in Gilboa. <sup>5</sup>And Saul saw the army of the Philistines, and he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. <sup>6</sup>And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. <sup>7</sup>And Saul said to his servants, Seek me a woman who has a familiar spirit, so that I may go to her and inquire of her. And his servant said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman who has a familiar spirit at Endor. <sup>8</sup>And Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing. And he went. And two men went with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, Please divine for me calling up the dead, and bring me up the man whom I shall name to you. <sup>9</sup>And the woman said to him, Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die? <sup>10</sup>And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD lives, there shall no punishment happen to you for this thing. <sup>11</sup>And the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

<sup>12</sup>And the woman saw Samuel, and cried with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? For you *are* Saul! <sup>13</sup>And the king said to her, Do not be afraid. For what did you see? And the woman said to Saul, I saw gods coming up out of the earth. <sup>14</sup>And he said to her, What is his form? And she said, An old man comes up, and he is covered with a cloak. And Saul saw that it *was* Samuel, and he bowed *his* face to the ground, and prostrated himself. <sup>15</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am grievously distressed, for the Philistines are warring against me. And God has left me and does not answer me any more, neither by prophets nor by dreams. And I have called you so that you may make known to me what I should do. <sup>16</sup>And Samuel said, Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has left you and has become your enemy? <sup>17</sup>And the LORD has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and has given it to your neighbor, to David. <sup>18</sup>Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD, nor execute his fierce wrath on Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you now. <sup>19</sup>And, the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons shall *be* with me. The LORD also shall deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. <sup>20</sup>And Saul immediately fell headlong on the earth, and was sorely afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all day nor all night.

<sup>21</sup>And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was sorely troubled, and said to him, Behold, your handmaid has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. <sup>22</sup>And now please listen also to the voice of your handmaid, and let me set a bit of bread before you and eat, so that you may have strength when you go on your way. <sup>23</sup>But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, urged him. And he listened to their voices and arose from the earth and sat on the bed. <sup>24</sup>And the woman had a fat calf in the house. And she hurried and killed it, and took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread with it. <sup>25</sup>And *she* brought it before Saul, and before his servants. And they ate, and rose up and went away that night.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And the Philistines gathered all their armies to Aphek. And the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel. <sup>2</sup>And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands. But David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. <sup>3</sup>And the rulers of the Philistines said, What *are* these Hebrews doing? And Achish said to the rulers of the Philistines, *Is* this not David the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me *these* days, or *these* years. And I have not found anything *evil* in him from the day he fell away until today? <sup>4</sup>And the rulers of the Philistines were angry with him. And the Philistine rulers said to him, Send the man back, and he shall return to his place where you have appointed him. And *he* shall not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an enemy to us. For with what should he reconcile himself to his master? *Should* it not *be* with the heads of these men? <sup>5</sup>*Is* not this David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, saying, Saul killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

<sup>6</sup>And Achish called David and said to him, Surely, *as* the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight. For I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me until today. But you *are* not good in the eyes of the lords. <sup>7</sup>And return now, and

go in peace so that you do not displease the lords of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup>And David said to Achish, But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant so long as I have been with you to this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? <sup>9</sup>And Achish answered and said to David, I know that you *are* good in my sight, like an angel of God. But the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. <sup>10</sup>And now, rise up early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart. <sup>11</sup>And David and his men rose up early to leave in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had invaded the south and Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire. <sup>2</sup>And they had seized the women in it. They did not kill any, either small or great, but carried *them* away and went on their way. <sup>3</sup>And David and his men came to the city, and behold, *it was* burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captives. <sup>4</sup>And David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. <sup>5</sup>And David's two wives had been seized, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail, the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel. <sup>6</sup>And it distressed David, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people *was* grieved, each one for his sons and for his daughters. But David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. <sup>7</sup>And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, Please bring the ephod here to me. And Abiathar brought the ephod there to David. <sup>8</sup>And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And He answered him, Go! For you shall surely overtake and will without fail recover *all*. <sup>9</sup>So David went, he and the six hundred men *that were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. <sup>10</sup>But David pursued, he and four hundred men. For two hundred stayed behind, who were too exhausted to go over the brook Besor.

<sup>11</sup>And they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread, and he ate. And they made him drink water. <sup>12</sup>And *they* gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him. For he had eaten no bread nor drunk water *for* three days and three nights. <sup>13</sup>And David said to him, Whose *are* you? And where do you come from? And he said, I *am* an Egyptian youth, servant to an Amalekite. And my master left me because three days ago I fell sick. <sup>14</sup>We raided the south of the Cherethites, and on that *belonging* to Judah, and on the south of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire. <sup>15</sup>And David said to him, Can you bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this company. <sup>16</sup>And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad on all the earth, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah. <sup>17</sup>And David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. And not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. <sup>18</sup>And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away. And David rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup>And nothing *was* lacking to them, from the small to the great, and to sons and daughters, and from the spoil, even to all that they had taken to themselves. David recovered all. <sup>20</sup>And David took all the flock,

and the herd. They drove on before *those* cattle. And they said, This is David's spoil.

<sup>21</sup>And David came to the two hundred who were too exhausted to follow David, whom they had made also to stay at the brook Besor. And they went out to meet David, and to meet the people with him. And David came up to the people, and greeted them. <sup>22</sup>And all the wicked men and *men* of Belial among the men who went with David answered and said, Because they did not go with us, we will not give them from *a thing* the spoil that we have seized, except *to* every man his wife and his sons. Let them take them, and go. <sup>23</sup>And David said, My brothers, you shall not do so with that which the LORD has given us. For He has kept us alive, and has delivered into our hand the company that came against us. <sup>24</sup>For who will listen to you in this matter? But as his part *is* that goes down to the battle, so *shall* be his part that stays by the stuff. They shall divide alike. <sup>25</sup>And from that day forward he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day. <sup>26</sup>And David came to Ziklag, and sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, Behold, a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; <sup>27</sup>to *the ones* in Bethel, and to *the ones* in Ramoth of the south, and to *the ones* in Jattir, <sup>28</sup>and to *the ones* in Aroer, and to *the ones* in Siphmoth, and to *the ones* in Eshtemoa, <sup>29</sup>and to *the ones* in Rachal, and to *the ones* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *the ones* in the cities of the Kenites, <sup>30</sup>and to *the ones* in Hormah, and to *the ones* in Chorashan, and to *the ones* in Athach, <sup>31</sup>and to *the ones* in Hebron, and to all the places where David had gone up and down, he and his men.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And the Philistines fought against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down wounded in Mount Gilboa. <sup>2</sup>And the Philistines followed Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchishua, Saul's sons. <sup>3</sup>And the battle went hard against Saul. And the archers hit him, and he was sorely wounded by the archers. <sup>4</sup>And Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust me through with it — lest these uncircumcised ones come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was very much afraid. So Saul took a sword and fell on it. <sup>5</sup>And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him. <sup>6</sup>And Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, that same day together. <sup>7</sup>And the men of Israel beyond the valley, and who *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled and that Saul and his sons had died. And they abandoned the cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened on the next day, the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. <sup>9</sup>And they cut off his head and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to publish *it* in the house of their idols and *among* the people. <sup>10</sup>And they put his armor in the house of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard about it, the people of Jabesh-gilead, what the Philistines had done to Saul, <sup>12</sup>then all the brave men arose, and they traveled all night. And *they* took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and *came* to Jabesh, and burned them there. <sup>13</sup>And they took their bones and buried *them* under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh. And *they* fasted seven days.

# THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and after David had stayed two days in Ziklag, <sup>2</sup>on the third day, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes torn and earth upon his head. And it happened when he came to David, he fell to the earth and bowed to him. <sup>3</sup>And David said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And David said to him, How did the matter go? Please tell me. And he answered, The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead also. <sup>5</sup>And David said to the young man who told him, How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan *are* dead? <sup>6</sup>And the young man who told him said, As I happened by chance upon Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear. And, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. <sup>7</sup>And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, Here *am* I. <sup>8</sup>And he said to me, Who *are* you? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite. <sup>9</sup>He said to me again, Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, because all my life *is* still in me. <sup>10</sup>And I stood over him, and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown on his head, and *the* bracelet on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord. <sup>11</sup>And David took hold on his garments, and tore them. And likewise all the men with him. <sup>12</sup>And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for his son Jonathan, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

<sup>13</sup>And David said to the young man who told him, From where are you? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. <sup>14</sup>And David said, Why were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? <sup>15</sup>And David called one of the young men and said, Go near; fall on him. And he struck him so that he died. <sup>16</sup>And David said to him, Your blood *be* upon your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

<sup>17</sup>And David mourned with this mourning over Saul and over his son Jonathan. <sup>18</sup>And he said to teach the sons of Judah *The use of* the Bow. Behold, it is written in the book of Jasher:

<sup>19</sup>The beauty of Israel is slain upon your high places! How are the mighty fallen! <sup>20</sup>Tell *it* not in Gath, do not let *it* be known in the streets of Askelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. <sup>21</sup>Mountains of Gilboa, *let* not dew or rain *be* on you, nor fields of offerings. For there the shield of the mighty has been evilly cast away, the shield of Saul not *being* anointed with oil. <sup>22</sup>From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty. <sup>23</sup>Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions. <sup>24</sup>Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and with delights; who put ornaments of gold on your clothes. <sup>25</sup>How *are* the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan *is* slain on your high places. <sup>26</sup>I *am* distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. Very pleasant you have been to me. Your love to me was wonderful, more than the love of women. <sup>27</sup>How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!



## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this, David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said to him, Go up! And David said, Where shall I go? And He said, To Hebron. <sup>2</sup>And David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's wife. <sup>3</sup>And David brought up his men with him, each man with his household. And they lived in the cities of Hebron. <sup>4</sup>And the men of Judah came, and they anointed David king over the house of Judah there. And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead buried Saul. <sup>5</sup>And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead. And he said to them, Blessed *are* you of the LORD, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him. <sup>6</sup>And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. And I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. <sup>7</sup>And now let your hands be strengthened, and be brave. For your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.

<sup>8</sup>But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. <sup>9</sup>And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. <sup>10</sup>Ishbosheth, Saul's son, *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. <sup>11</sup>And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

<sup>12</sup>And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. <sup>13</sup>And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out and met together by the pool of Gibeon. And they sat down, the one on the one *side* of the pool, and the other on the other *side* of the pool. <sup>14</sup>And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. <sup>15</sup>And there arose and went over by number, twelve for Benjamin, and for Ishbosheth the son of Saul; and twelve of the servants of David. <sup>16</sup>And each one caught his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side, so that they fell together. And *one* called that place The Field of Rocks, which *is* in Gibeon. <sup>17</sup>And there was a very grievous battle that day. And Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David. <sup>18</sup>And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab and Abishai and Asahel. And Asahel was swift with his feet, like one of the gazelles in the field. <sup>19</sup>And Asahel ran after Abner, and in going he did not turn to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. <sup>20</sup>And Abner looked behind him and said, *Are* you Asahel? And he answered, *I am*. <sup>21</sup>And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men, and take his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. <sup>22</sup>And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab your brother? <sup>23</sup>However he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner struck him with the blunt end of the spear in the belly, and the spear came out behind him. And he fell down there, and died in the same place. And it happened that everyone who came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still. <sup>24</sup>And Joab and Abishai ran after Abner. And the sun went down when they had come to the hill of Ammah, which *lies* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill. <sup>26</sup>Then Abner called to Joab and said, Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it be then before you

command the people to return from chasing their brothers? <sup>27</sup>And Joab said, *As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone up each one from following his brother.* <sup>28</sup>And Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still and did not pursue after Israel any more, nor did they fight any more.

<sup>29</sup>And Abner and his men went all that night through the plain and passed over Jordan, and went all the forenoon and came to Mahanaim. <sup>30</sup>And Joab returned from following Abner. And when *he* had gathered all the people together, nineteen men and Asahel were missing from David's servants. <sup>31</sup>But the servants of David had stricken three hundred and sixty men of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, who died. <sup>32</sup>And they took up Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father, which *was* in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at the break of day.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David became stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul became weaker and weaker. <sup>2</sup>And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his first-born was Amnon, the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel. <sup>3</sup>And his second was Chileab, of Abigail of Carmel, the *former* wife of Nabal. And the third *was* Absalom, the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur. <sup>4</sup>And the fourth *was* Adonijah, the son of Haggith. And the fifth *was* Shephatiah, the son of Abital. <sup>5</sup>And the sixth *was* Ithream, by Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

<sup>6</sup>And it happened, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. <sup>7</sup>And Saul had a concubine whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine? <sup>8</sup>And Abner was very angry over the words of Ishbosheth, and said, *Am I a dog's head, who shows kindness against Judah this day to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David? Am I a dog's head that you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?* <sup>9</sup>So may God do to Abner, and more also, unless, as the LORD has sworn to David, even so I do to him, <sup>10</sup>to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. <sup>11</sup>And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

<sup>12</sup>And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, *Whose is the land? He* said, Cut your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with you, to bring about all Israel to you. <sup>13</sup>And he said, Good! I will make a league with you, but one thing I ask of you, saying, You shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face. <sup>14</sup>And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. <sup>15</sup>And Ishbosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, from Phaltiel the son of Laish. <sup>16</sup>And her husband went along with her, weeping behind her, to Bahurim. And Abner said to him, Go, return! And he returned.

<sup>17</sup>The word of Abner was with the elders of Israel, saying, You sought for David in times past *to be* king over you. <sup>18</sup>And then do *it*, for the LORD has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. <sup>19</sup>And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and all that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. <sup>20</sup>And Abner came to David at Hebron, and

twenty men came with him. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. <sup>21</sup>And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, so that they may make a covenant with you, and so that you may reign over all that your heart desires. And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

<sup>22</sup>And behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. <sup>23</sup>And Joab and all the army with him came, and they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace. <sup>24</sup>And Joab came to the king and said, What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is this, that you have sent him away, and he has already gone? <sup>25</sup>You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do. <sup>26</sup>And Joab left David and sent messengers after Abner, who brought him again from the well of Sirah. But David did not know. <sup>27</sup>And Abner returned to Hebron. And Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly. And he struck him there in the belly, and he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. <sup>28</sup>And afterward David heard, and said, My kingdom and I are guiltless before the LORD forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner. <sup>29</sup>Let it whirl about the head of Joab, and on all his father's house. And let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls on the sword, or who lacks bread. <sup>30</sup>And Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

<sup>31</sup>And David said to Joab and to all the people with him, Tear your clothes and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier. <sup>32</sup>And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner. And all the people wept. <sup>33</sup>And the king mourned over Abner and said, Did Abner die like a fool dies? <sup>34</sup>Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters; as a man falls before wicked men, so you fell. And all the people wept again over him.

<sup>35</sup>And all the people came to cause David to eat food while it was still day; David swore, saying, So let God do to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else until the sun is down. <sup>36</sup>And all the people took notice, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased all the people. <sup>37</sup>For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. <sup>38</sup>And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? <sup>39</sup>And I am weak this day, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too hard for me. The LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron. And his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. <sup>2</sup>And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands. The name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other was Rechab, the sons of Rimmon of Beeroth, of the sons of Benjamin. For Beeroth also was counted to Benjamin; <sup>3</sup>and the men of Beeroth fled to Gittaim and were strangers there until this day. <sup>4</sup>And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news of Saul and Jonathan came out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And as she made haste to flee he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of Rimmon of Beeroth, Rechab and Baanah, came at the heat of the day to the

house of Ishbosheth. And he was lying on his bed at noon. <sup>6</sup>And they came to the midst of the house, bringing wheat. And *they* struck him in the belly. And Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. <sup>7</sup>And they came into the house, and he lay in his bed in his bedroom. And they struck him and killed him, and beheaded him and took his head and got away through the plain all night. <sup>8</sup>And *they* brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron. and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, your enemy who sought your life. And the LORD has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and of his seed.

<sup>9</sup>And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon of Beeroth, and said to them, *As* the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, <sup>10</sup>when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul *is* dead, thinking to have brought good news, I took hold of him and killed him in Ziklag. I gave that to him as a reward. <sup>11</sup>Indeed when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed, shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? <sup>12</sup>And David commanded his young men, and they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And all the tribes of Israel came to David, to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we *are* your bone and your flesh. <sup>2</sup>Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were he who led Israel out and brought them in. And the LORD said to you, You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be a captain over Israel. <sup>3</sup>And all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron. And king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

<sup>4</sup>David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign. He reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah. <sup>6</sup>And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, the people of the land. And *one* spoke to David saying, You shall not come in here, except the blind and the lame will turn you away; *also* saying, David cannot come in here. <sup>7</sup>And David took the stronghold of Zion; it *is* the city of David. <sup>8</sup>And David said on that day, Anyone who strikes the Jebusite, let him go by the water-shaft and *take* the lame and the blind, the hated of David's soul. On account of this they say, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. <sup>9</sup>And David lived in the fort, and called it *the* city of David. And David built all around, from Millo and inward. <sup>10</sup>And David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

<sup>11</sup>And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons to David. And they built David a house. <sup>12</sup>And David saw that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that He had made his kingdom sure for His people Israel's sake. <sup>13</sup>And David took more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. And there were still more sons and daughters born to David. <sup>14</sup>These *are* the names of those to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, <sup>15</sup>and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, <sup>16</sup>and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

<sup>17</sup>And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel. And all the Philistines came up to seek David. And David heard, and went down to the stronghold. <sup>18</sup>And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the Valley of the Giants. <sup>19</sup>And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said to David,

Go up! For I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hand.<sup>20</sup> And David came to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there, and said, The LORD has broken forth *on* my enemies before me, like the breaking forth of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place The Breaking of Baal.<sup>21</sup> And they left their images there, and David and his men took them away.

<sup>22</sup>And the Philistines came up again and spread themselves in the Valley of the Giants.<sup>23</sup> And David inquired of the LORD, and He said, You shall not go up, but go around behind them and come upon them over across from the weeping trees.<sup>24</sup> And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall stir yourself. For then the LORD shall go out before you to strike the army of the Philistines.<sup>25</sup> And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him. And *he* struck the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gezer.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Again David gathered every chosen one in Israel, thirty thousand.<sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people with him from beyond Baale of Judah, to bring up the ark of God from there, which *is* called by the Name, the Name of the LORD of hosts who dwells *above* the cherubs.<sup>3</sup> And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab in Gibeah. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.<sup>4</sup> And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab at Gibeah, going with the ark of God. And Ahio went before the ark.<sup>5</sup> And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all *instruments* of fir wood, with lyres and with harps, and with tambourines, and with sistrums, and with cymbals.<sup>6</sup> And when they came to Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah reached out to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled.<sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah. And God struck him there for the error. And he died there by the ark of God.<sup>8</sup> And David was displeased because the LORD had broken forth upon Uzzah. And he called the name of the place The Break of Uzzah to this day.<sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?<sup>10</sup> And David was not willing to bring the ark of the LORD to him into the city of David. But David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.<sup>11</sup> And the ark of the LORD stayed in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

<sup>12</sup>And they told king David, saying, The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.<sup>13</sup> And it happened that when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.<sup>14</sup> And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might. And David was girded with a linen ephod.<sup>15</sup> And David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.<sup>16</sup> And as the ark of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD. And *she* despised him in her heart.<sup>17</sup> And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.<sup>18</sup> And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.<sup>19</sup> And he gave out among all the people, among all the multitude of Israel, to the women as well as men, to each one a

cake of bread and a good piece of *meat*, and a flagon of wine. And all the people departed, each one to his house.

<sup>20</sup>And David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself! <sup>21</sup>And David said to Michal, *It was before the LORD*, who chose me before your father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. And I will play before the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And I will be still lower than this, and will be base in my own sight. And of the handmaids of whom you have spoken, with them I shall be had in honor. <sup>23</sup>And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when the king dwelt in his house, and when the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I live in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains. <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you. <sup>4</sup>And that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan saying, <sup>5</sup>Go and tell My servant David, So says the LORD, Shall you build Me a house for My dwelling? <sup>6</sup>For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the sons out of Egypt until this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>In all *places* in which I have walked with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the tribes of Israel, *those* I commanded to feed My people Israel, saying, Why do you not build Me a house of cedar? <sup>8</sup>And now so shall you say to My servant David, So says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies out of your sight, and have made you a great name like the name of the great ones in the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them so that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more. Neither shall the sons of wickedness afflict them any more, as before. <sup>11</sup>And even from the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people of Israel, so will I cause you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>And when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who shall come out of your bowels. And I will make his kingdom sure. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the sons of men. <sup>15</sup>But My mercy shall not leave him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you. Your throne *shall be* established forever. <sup>17</sup>According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

<sup>18</sup>Then king David went in and sat before the LORD. And he said, Who *am* I, O Lord Jehovah? And what *is* my house, that You have brought me here? <sup>19</sup>And this was yet a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God. But You have spoken also of Your servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of men, O Lord God? <sup>20</sup>And what can David say more to You? For You, O Lord Jehovah, know Your servant. <sup>21</sup>For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things to make Your servant know. <sup>22</sup>Therefore You are great, O LORD God. For there *is* none like You, neither *is there any* God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup>And what one nation in the earth *is* like Your people, like Israel, whom God went to redeem for

a people to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for Your land, before Your people, whom You redeemed to You from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods? <sup>24</sup>For You have confirmed to Yourself Your people Israel *to be* a people to You forever. And You, LORD, have become their God. <sup>25</sup>And now, O LORD God, the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant, and concerning his house: establish *it* forever, and do as You have said. <sup>26</sup>And let Your name be magnified forever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel. And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. <sup>27</sup>For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed to Your servant, saying, I will build you a house. Therefore Your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to You. <sup>28</sup>And now, O Lord Jehovah, You *are* that God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. <sup>29</sup>Therefore, now, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, so that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord God, have spoken. And with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.

### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And it happened afterward, David struck the Philistines and humbled them. And David took The Bridle of the Metropolis out of the hand of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup>And he struck Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground. Even with two lines he measured to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became David's servants, bringing gifts.

<sup>3</sup>David also struck Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. <sup>4</sup>And David took from him seventeen hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. And David hamstrung all the chariot *horses* but kept enough of them *for* a hundred chariots. <sup>5</sup>And when the Syrians of Damascus came to rescue Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. <sup>6</sup>And David put troops in Syria of Damascus. And the Syrians became servants to David, bringing gifts. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went. <sup>7</sup>And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup>And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took very much bronze.

<sup>9</sup>And Toi king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer. <sup>10</sup>Then Toi sent Joram his son to king David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had struck him. For Hadadezer had wars *against* Toi. And in his hand were silver articles, and golden articles, and bronze articles. <sup>11</sup>King David also dedicated them to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all nations which he subdued: <sup>12</sup>of Syria, and of Moab, and of the sons of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

<sup>13</sup>And David made a name *for himself* when he returned from striking the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, eighteen thousand *men*. <sup>14</sup>And he put garrisons in Edom. He put garrisons throughout all Edom, and all the men of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

<sup>15</sup>And David reigned over all Israel. And David did judgment and justice to all his people. <sup>16</sup>And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army. And Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder. <sup>17</sup>And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests. And Seraiah *was* the scribe. <sup>18</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And David's sons were priests.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And David said, Is there still any that is left from the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? <sup>2</sup>And there *was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him to David, the king said to him, *Are you Ziba?* And he said, Your servant. <sup>3</sup>And the king said, *Is there not still any of the house of Saul, so that I may show the kindness of God to him?* And Ziba said to the king, Jonathan still has a son, *who is lame in his feet.* <sup>4</sup>And the king said to him, *Where is he?* And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. <sup>5</sup>And king David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar. <sup>6</sup>And when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and bowed to him. And David said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold your servant! <sup>7</sup>And David said to him, Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father. And you shall eat bread at my table forever. <sup>8</sup>And he bowed himself and said, What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I? <sup>9</sup>Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given to your master's son all that *belonged* to Saul and to all his house. <sup>10</sup>And you shall till the land for him, you and your sons and your servants. And you shall bring in *the fruits* so that your master's son may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth, your master's son, shall eat bread always at my table. And Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. <sup>11</sup>And Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so shall your servant do. And Mephibosheth *was* eating at my table like one of the king's sons. <sup>12</sup>And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name *was* Micah. And all that lived in the house of Ziba *were* servants to Mephibosheth. <sup>13</sup>And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem. For he always sat at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this, the king of the sons of Ammon died, and his son Hanun reigned in his stead. <sup>2</sup>And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him for his father, by the hand of his servants. And David's servants came to the land of the sons of Ammon. <sup>3</sup>And the leaders of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, Do you think that David honors your father, that he has sent comforters to you? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? <sup>4</sup>And Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, to their buttocks, and sent them away. <sup>5</sup>And they told David, and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Stay at Jericho until your beards are grown, and return. <sup>6</sup>And the sons of Ammon saw that they had begun to stink before David. And the sons of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and from king Maacah a thousand men, and from Ishtob twelve thousand men. <sup>7</sup>And David heard. And he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Ammon came out and put the battle in order at the entering in of the gate. And the Syrians of Zobah, and of Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field. <sup>9</sup>And Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind. And he chose from all the choice ones of Israel, and put *them* in order against the Syrians. <sup>10</sup>And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, so that he might set in order against the sons of Ammon. <sup>11</sup>And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me. But if the sons



of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. <sup>12</sup>Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do that which seems good to Him. <sup>13</sup>And Joab and the people with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians. And they fled before him. <sup>14</sup>And when the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, then they fled also before Abishai, and entered into the city. And Joab returned from the sons of Ammon and came to Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup>And the Syrians saw that they were beaten before Israel, they gathered together. <sup>16</sup>And Hadarezer sent and brought out the Syrians who *were* beyond the river. And they came to Helam. And Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them. <sup>17</sup>And David was told. And he gathered all Israel and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in order to meet David and fought with him. <sup>18</sup>And the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed *the men* of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and struck Shobach the captain of their army, who died there. <sup>19</sup>And all the kings, the servants of Hadarezer, saw that they were beaten before Israel, and *they* made peace with Israel and served them. And the Syrians feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the year had passed, at the time kings go forth, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they destroyed the sons of Ammon and circled Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>And it happened one evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof *he* saw a woman bathing. And the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon. <sup>3</sup>And David sent and asked about the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? <sup>4</sup>And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in to him, and he lay with her. And she had purified herself from her uncleanness. And she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, *I am* with child.

<sup>6</sup>And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>And when Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war went. <sup>8</sup>And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. And Uriah left the king's house. And a gift from the king went out after him. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>And they told David, *saying*, Uriah did not go to his house. And David said to Uriah, Did you not come from a journey? Why have you not gone down to your house? <sup>11</sup>And Uriah said to David, The ark and Israel and Judah abide in tents. And my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are camped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? *As* you live, and *as* your soul lives, I will not do this thing. <sup>12</sup>And David said to Uriah, Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go. And Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day. <sup>13</sup>And when David had called him, he ate and drank before him. And he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup>And it happened in the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>And he wrote in the letter, *saying*, Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and draw back from him so that he may be stricken and die. <sup>16</sup>And it happened when Joab observed the city, he sent Uriah to a place where he knew brave men *were*. <sup>17</sup>And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab.

And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell. And Uriah the Hittite also died. <sup>18</sup>Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war. <sup>19</sup>And he commanded the messenger saying, When you have made an end of telling the matters of the war to the king, <sup>20</sup>and if it be so that the king's wrath arise, and he say to you, Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? <sup>21</sup>Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerub-besheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall? And you shall say, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

<sup>22</sup>And the messenger departed, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. <sup>23</sup>And the messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out to us to the field, and we were upon them even to the entering of the gate. <sup>24</sup>And the shooters shot from off the wall upon your servants, and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. <sup>25</sup>Then David said to the messenger, So you shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city and overthrow it. And you encourage him.

<sup>26</sup>And the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, and mourned for her husband. <sup>27</sup>And when her mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, one rich and one poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich one had exceeding many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished up. And it grew up together with him and with his sons. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter. <sup>4</sup>And there came a traveler to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the traveler that had come to him. But he took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man who had come to him. <sup>5</sup>And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. And he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die. <sup>6</sup>And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. <sup>7</sup>And Nathan said to David, You *are* the man! So says the LORD God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if *that* was too little, I would have given to you such and such *things* besides. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have stricken Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. <sup>10</sup>And therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>So says the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. <sup>13</sup>And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said to David, The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Only, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, this child born to you shall surely die.

<sup>15</sup>And Nathan left to go to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick. <sup>16</sup>And David prayed to God for the child. And David fasted, and went in and lay all night upon the earth. <sup>17</sup>And the elders of his house rose up toward to him, to raise him up from the earth. But he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. <sup>18</sup>And it happened on the seventh day, the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, Behold, while the child was still alive we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice. How then will he trouble himself if we tell him that the child is dead? <sup>19</sup>But David saw that his servants whispered. And David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. <sup>20</sup>And David arose from the earth and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his clothing, and came into the house of the LORD and worshipped. And *he* came to his house, and commanded, and they brought bread before him and he ate. <sup>21</sup>Then his servants said to him, What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the living boy, but when the child was dead you arose and ate bread! <sup>22</sup>And he said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell if God will be gracious to me so that the child may live? <sup>23</sup>But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

<sup>24</sup>And David comforted his wife Bathsheba. And *he* went in to her and lay with her. And she bore a son. And he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him. <sup>25</sup>And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jedidah, because of Jehovah.

<sup>26</sup>And Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and took the royal city. <sup>27</sup>And Joab sent messengers to David and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. <sup>28</sup>And therefore gather the rest of the people together, and camp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name. <sup>29</sup>And David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and took it. <sup>30</sup>And he took the king's crown from off his head, the weight of which was a talent of gold with the precious stones. And it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. <sup>31</sup>And he brought forth the people that were in it, and put them to the saw, and to sharp tools of iron, and to axes of iron. And *he* made them go over into the brick-kiln. And so he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar. And Amnon the son of David loved her. <sup>2</sup>And Amnon was so troubled that he fell sick for his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin. And Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. <sup>3</sup>And Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah. And Jonadab was a very crafty man. <sup>4</sup>And *he* said to him, Why are you, the king's son, lean from day to day? Will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. <sup>5</sup>And Jonadab said to him, Lay down on your bed and make yourself sick. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight so that I may see and eat it at her hand. <sup>6</sup>And Amnon lay down and made himself sick. And when the king had come to see him, Amnon said to the king, Please let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, so that I may eat at her hand. <sup>7</sup>And David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him. <sup>8</sup>And Tamar went to her brother

Amnon's house. And he had lain down. And she took flour and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. <sup>9</sup>And she took a pan and poured *them* out before him. But he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have all the men go out from me. And every man one of them went out from him. <sup>10</sup>And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the room so that I may eat out of your hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the room to Amnon her brother. <sup>11</sup>And when she had brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister. <sup>12</sup>And she answered him, No, my brother, do not humble me. For no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Do not do this folly. <sup>13</sup>And I, where shall I cause my shame to go? And as for you, you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. But now please speak to the king. For he will not withhold me from you. <sup>14</sup>But he would not listen to her voice; but being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. <sup>15</sup>Then Amnon hated her *with* a great hatred. And the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and go. <sup>16</sup>And she said to him, *There is* no cause. This evil in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me. But he would not listen to her. <sup>17</sup>And he called his servant who waited on him and said, And put this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her. <sup>18</sup>And *she had* a robe of many colors upon her, for the king's virgin daughters were clothed with such robes. And his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her. <sup>19</sup>And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on, crying. <sup>20</sup>And Absalom her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He *is* your brother. Do not set your heart on this thing. And Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

<sup>21</sup>And when king David heard of all these things, he was very angry. <sup>22</sup>And Absalom did not speak to his brother Amnon, neither good nor bad, for Absalom hated Amnon because he had forced his sister Tamar. <sup>23</sup>And it happened after two full years Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, beside Ephraim. And Absalom invited all the king's sons. <sup>24</sup>And Absalom came to the king and said, Behold now, your servant has shearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant. <sup>25</sup>And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be too heavy upon you. And he pressed him. He would not go, however, but blessed him. <sup>26</sup>Then Absalom said, If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us? And the king said to him, Why should he go with you? <sup>27</sup>But Absalom pressed him, so that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. <sup>28</sup>And Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, And watch when Amnon's heart *is* merry with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon, you shall kill him. Do not fear. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous, and be brave. <sup>29</sup>And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. And all the king's sons arose. And they each got on his mule and fled.

<sup>30</sup>And it happened while they *were* in the way, news came to David, saying, Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. <sup>31</sup>And the king arose and tore his garments, and lay on the earth. And all his servants stood by *with* their clothes torn. <sup>32</sup>And Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah answered and said, Let not my lord think *that* they have killed all the young men, the king's sons. For only Amnon *is* dead. For by the mouth of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he humbled his sister Tamar. <sup>33</sup>And now do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead, for only Amnon *is* dead. <sup>34</sup>But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, many people

came by the way of the hillside behind him. <sup>35</sup>And Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons come; as your servant said, so it is. <sup>36</sup>And it happened as soon as he had made an end of speaking, behold, the king's sons came. And they lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept *with* a great weeping.

<sup>37</sup>But Absalom fled and went to Talmi, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day. <sup>38</sup>And Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years. <sup>39</sup>And king David longed to go forth to Absalom, for he was comforted about Amnon, since *he* was dead.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And Joab the son of Zeruiah saw that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom. <sup>2</sup>And Joab sent to Tekoah and brought a wise woman from there. And he said to her, Please pretend yourself to be a mourner, and put on mourning clothes now, and do not anoint yourself with oil. But be like a woman who has mourned for the dead a long time. <sup>3</sup>And come to the king, and speak in this way to him. And Joab put the words in her mouth. <sup>4</sup>And the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, and bowed and said, Save, O, King! <sup>5</sup>And the king said to her. What ails you? And she answered, *I am* indeed a widow, and my husband died. <sup>6</sup>And your handmaid had two sons, and the two of them fought together in the field. And *there was* no deliverer between them, but the one struck the other and killed him. <sup>7</sup>And behold, the whole family has risen against your handmaid. And they said, Deliver him who struck his brother so that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed. And we will destroy the heir also. And so they shall put out my coal which is left, and shall leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the face of the earth. <sup>8</sup>And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give command concerning you. <sup>9</sup>And the woman of Tekoah said to the king. My lord, O king, may the iniquity *be* on me and on my father's house. And may the king and his throne *be* without guilt. <sup>10</sup>And the king said, Whoever speaks to you, you also bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more. <sup>11</sup>Then she said, Please let the king remember the LORD your God, that you would not allow the avengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they should destroy my son. And he said, *As* the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then the woman said, Please let your handmaid speak *one* more word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on! <sup>13</sup>And the woman said, Why then have you thought such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is at fault, in that the king does not bring his banished one home again. <sup>14</sup>For we must all die, and we *are* as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. And God does not take a life, but has devised plans so that the outcast is not cast out from Him. <sup>15</sup>And now I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king, because the people have made me afraid. And your handmaid said, I will now speak to the king. It may be that the king will do what his handmaid has asked. <sup>16</sup>For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *who would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. <sup>17</sup>And your handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comforting. For as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king, to see what is good and bad. And the LORD your God will be with you.

<sup>18</sup>And the king answered and said to the woman, Please do not hide from me the thing that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. <sup>19</sup>And the king said, *Is* the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* your soul lives, my lord the king, none *shall turn* to the right hand or to the left from anything which my lord the king has spoken. For

your servant Joab commanded me. And he put all these words in the mouth of your handmaid. <sup>20</sup>Your servant Joab has done this thing to change the face of the matter. And my lord *is* wise according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all that *is* in the land.

<sup>21</sup>And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing. Go therefore and bring the young man Absalom again. <sup>22</sup>And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king. And Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O, king, in that the king has done what your servant has asked. <sup>23</sup>And Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. <sup>24</sup>And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. And Absalom returned to his own house, and did not see the king's face. <sup>25</sup>But in all Israel there was not a man handsome like Absalom. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. <sup>26</sup>And when he sheared his head (for it was at every year's end that he sheared *it*, because it was heavy on him. And he sheared it), and he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, according to the king's weight. <sup>27</sup>And there were born three sons to Absalom, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar. She was a woman with a beautiful face.

<sup>28</sup>And Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem and did not see the king's face. <sup>29</sup>And Absalom sent to Joab, to send him to the king. But he would not come to him. And when he sent again a second time, he would not come. <sup>30</sup>And he said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire! And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. <sup>31</sup>And Joab arose and came to Absalom's house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire? <sup>32</sup>And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here so that I may send you to the king, to say, Why have I come from Geshur? *It was* good for me to *be* there still. And now let me see the king's face, and if there is iniquity in me, let him kill me. <sup>33</sup>And Joab came to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. And the king kissed Absalom.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this, Absalom prepared himself chariots and horses and fifty men to run before him. <sup>2</sup>And Absalom rose up early and stood beside the way of the gate. And it was so, *if* any man had a suit to come before the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him and said, What city *are* you from? And he said, Your servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And Absalom said to him, See! Your matters *are* good and right. But no man from the king *will* hear you. <sup>4</sup>And Absalom said, Oh that I might be made judge in the land, so that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice! <sup>5</sup>And it was *so*, when any man came near to bow down to him, he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him. <sup>6</sup>And in this way Absalom did to all Israel that came to the king for judgment. And Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened at the end of forty years, Absalom said to the king, Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD in Hebron. <sup>8</sup>For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD will indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And the king said to him, Go in peace. And he arose and went to Hebron. <sup>10</sup>But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, Absalom reigns in Hebron! <sup>11</sup>And with Absalom went two hundred called men out of Jerusalem. And they went in their honesty, and did not know anything about Absalom's plans. <sup>12</sup>And Absalom sent for

Ahithophel of Giloh, David's counselor, from his city Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people with Absalom grew more and more.

<sup>13</sup>And a messenger came to David saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. <sup>14</sup>And David said to all his servants with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee! For otherwise we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring evil upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword. <sup>15</sup>And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants *will do* whatever my lord the king shall choose. <sup>16</sup>And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house. <sup>17</sup>And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and stayed in a place that was far off. <sup>18</sup>And all his servants passed on beside him. And all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. <sup>19</sup>Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you also go with us? Return to your place, and stay with the king. For you *are* a stranger, and also an exile. <sup>20</sup>Since you came only yesterday, should I make you go up and down with us today? Since I go where I may, you may return and take back your brothers. May mercy and truth *be* with you. <sup>21</sup>And Ittai answered the king and said, *As* the LORD lives, and *as* my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will your servant be. <sup>22</sup>And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones with him. <sup>23</sup>And all the country wept *with* a loud voice, and all the people passed over. The king himself also passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness.

<sup>24</sup>And lo, Zadok came also, and all the Levites *were* with him, carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God. And Abiathar went up until all the people had finished passing out of the city. <sup>25</sup>And the king said to Zadok, Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me again and show it to me, and its dwelling place also. <sup>26</sup>But if He says this, I have no delight in you; behold me, and let Him do to me as *seems* good to Him. <sup>27</sup>The king also said to Zadok the priest, *Are* you a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you. Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. <sup>28</sup>Behold, I will wait in the plain of the wilderness until there comes word from you to tell me. <sup>29</sup>And Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem. And they remained there.

<sup>30</sup>And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet. And he wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot. And of all the people with him, each man covered his head. And they went up, weeping as they went. <sup>31</sup>And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray You, turn the advice of Ahithophel to foolishness. <sup>32</sup>And it happened *when* David had come to the top, where he worshiped God, behold, Hushai the Archite *came* to meet him with his coat torn and earth upon his head. <sup>33</sup>David said to him, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me. <sup>34</sup>But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, *I will be* your servant, O king; *I have been* your father's servant until now, and now I also will *be* your servant, then you may break down the advice of Ahithophel for me. <sup>35</sup>And do you *not have* there with you Zadok and Abiathar the priests? And it shall be, whatever you shall hear out of the king's house, you shall tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. <sup>36</sup>Behold, *they have* their two sons there with them, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Ahimaaz's *son*. And you shall send to me everything that you

hear by them.<sup>37</sup> And David's friend Hushai came to the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And David had passed on a little from the top. And, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him *with* a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. <sup>2</sup>And the king said to Ziba, What *are* these to you? And Ziba said, The asses *are* for the king's household to ride upon. And the bread and summer fruit are for the young men to eat. And the wine is so that the ones who are faint in the wilderness may drink. <sup>3</sup>And the king said, And where *is* your master's son? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he remains at Jerusalem. For he said, Today the house of Israel shall restore to me the kingdom of my father. <sup>4</sup>And the king said to Ziba, Behold, All that *belonged* to Mephibosheth *is* yours. And Ziba said, I humbly beg you *that* I may find grace in your sight, my lord, O king.

<sup>5</sup>And king David came to Bahurim. And, behold, a man of the house of Saul came out from there, whose name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out, and he came cursing. <sup>6</sup>And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of king David. And all the people and all the mighty *men* were on his right hand, and on his left. <sup>7</sup>And Shimei said this in his cursing, Go out, O man of blood, O man of Belial. <sup>8</sup>The LORD has returned on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. And the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. And behold, you *are taken* in your mischief, because you *are* a man of blood! <sup>9</sup>And Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please let me go over and take off his head. <sup>10</sup>And the king said, What have I to do with you, sons of Zeruiah? Let him curse, because the LORD has said to him, Curse David. Who then shall say, Why have you done so? <sup>11</sup>And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who came forth from my bowels, seeks my life; and surely now *this* Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has spoken to him. <sup>12</sup>It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day.

<sup>13</sup>And David and his men went by the highway. And Shimei went along on the hillside over across from him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and threw dust. <sup>14</sup>And the king, and all the people with him arrived weary. And they refreshed themselves there.

<sup>15</sup>And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem. And Ahithophel went with him. <sup>16</sup>And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, Let the king live, let the king live! <sup>17</sup>And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this your kindness to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend? <sup>18</sup>And Hushai said to Absalom, No, but whom the LORD and this people, and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and I will stay with him. <sup>19</sup>And again, whom should I serve? *Should I* not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence.

<sup>20</sup>And Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your advice. What shall we do? <sup>21</sup>And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, *those* he left to keep the house. And all Israel shall hear that you are abhorred by your father. And the hands of all who *are* with you will be strong. <sup>22</sup>And they spread Absalom a tent on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. <sup>23</sup>And the advice of Ahithophel, which he advised in those



days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God. So *was* all the advice of Ahithophel, both with David and with Absalom.

### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Please let me choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David tonight. <sup>2</sup>And *I* will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak-handed, and I will make him tremble. And all the people with him will flee. And I will strike the king by himself. <sup>3</sup>And I will bring back all the people to you, when all return, *except* the man whom you *are* seeking. <sup>4</sup>And the saying pleased Absalom very much, and all the elders of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And Absalom said, Please call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what *is* in his mouth. <sup>6</sup>And Hushai came in to Absalom. And Absalom spoke to him saying, Ahithophel has spoken in this way. Shall we do his word? If not, you speak. <sup>7</sup>And Hushai said to Absalom, The advice which Ahithophel has given *is* not good at this time. <sup>8</sup>For, Hushai said, you know your father and his men, that they *are* mighty men, and they *are* bitter of soul, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father *is* a man of war, and will not stay the night with the people. <sup>9</sup>Behold, he is hidden now in some pit, or in one of the places. And it shall be, at the falling among them at the first, whoever hears will say, There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom. <sup>10</sup>And also he, the son of valor, whose heart *is* like the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and they who *are* with him are mighty men. <sup>11</sup>Therefore I advise that all Israel be generally gathered to you, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, like the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude. And you yourself shall go into battle. <sup>12</sup>And we shall come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him like the dew falls upon the ground. And of all the men that *are* with him, not even one shall be left. <sup>13</sup>And if he has gotten into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river until there is not one small stone found there. <sup>14</sup>And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil on Absalom.

<sup>15</sup>And Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, This and this Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and this and this I have advised. <sup>16</sup>And now send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not stay in the plains of the wilderness tonight, but speedily pass over, lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people with him. <sup>17</sup>And Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel, for there they might not be seen to come into the city. And a girl went and told them, and they went and told king David. <sup>18</sup>But a lad saw them and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, into which they went down. <sup>19</sup>And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it, and the thing was not known. <sup>20</sup>And when Absalom's servants came to the woman of the house, they said, Where *are* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They have gone over the brook of water. And when they had searched and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem. <sup>21</sup>And it happened after they had departed, they came up out of the well, and went and told King David. And *they* said to David, Arise and pass quickly over the water, for this is what Ahithophel has advised against you. <sup>22</sup>Then David and all the people with him arose. And they passed over Jordan. By the morning light there was not one of them that had not gone over Jordan.

<sup>23</sup>And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass and arose, and went home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order. And he hanged himself and died, and was buried in the tomb of his father.

<sup>24</sup>And David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. <sup>25</sup>And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa *was* the son of a man named Ithra, an Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. <sup>26</sup>And Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead. <sup>27</sup>And it happened when David came to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah, of the sons of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, <sup>28</sup>brought beds and basins and earthen vessels, and wheat and barley and flour and parched *grain*, and beans and lentils and other parched *food*, <sup>29</sup>and honey and butter and sheep and cheese from cows, for David and for the people with him to eat. For they said, The people *are* hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And David numbered the people who *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. <sup>2</sup>And David sent forth a third of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, I will also surely go forth with you myself. <sup>3</sup>But the people answered, You shall not go forth. For if we run away, they will not set *their* heart on us, even if half of us die. For now *you are* worth ten thousand of us. And now *it is* better that you remain to help us from the city. <sup>4</sup>And the king said to them, I will do what is good in your eyes. And the king stood by the side of the gate, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. <sup>5</sup>And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, For my sake *be* gentle with the young man, with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. <sup>6</sup>And the people went out *into* the field against Israel. And the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>And the people of Israel were killed there before the servants of David. And there was a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand. <sup>8</sup>For the battle was scattered there over the face of all the country. And the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

<sup>9</sup>And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode on a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak. And his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heavens and the earth. And the mule which *was* under him went away. <sup>10</sup>And a certain man saw and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. <sup>11</sup>And Joab said to the man who told him, And, behold, you saw *him*, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten *shekels* of silver and a girdle. <sup>12</sup>And the man said to Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, yet I would not put forth my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware *you* who *go* against the young man, against Absalom. <sup>13</sup>Or I would have dealt falsely with my own life, for there is no matter hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against *me*. <sup>14</sup>And Joab said, I cannot stay here with you this way! And he took three darts in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he *was* still alive in the midst of the oak. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him.

<sup>16</sup>And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people. <sup>17</sup>And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the woods. And they laid a very great heap of stones upon him. And all Israel fled, each one to his tent. <sup>18</sup>And Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the King's Valley. For he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance. And he called the pillar after his own name. And it is called until this day, Absalom's monument.

<sup>19</sup>Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, And let me run and bear the news to the king, how the LORD has avenged him of his enemies. <sup>20</sup>And Joab said to him, You shall not bear news today, but you shall bear good news some other day. But today you shall bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. <sup>21</sup>And Joab said to Cush, Go tell the king what you have seen. And Cush bowed himself to Joab, and ran. <sup>22</sup>And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, Yet whatever, please let me also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Why will you run, my son, since you have no good news ready? <sup>23</sup>But *he said*, Yet whatever, let me run! And he said to him, Run. And Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and ran past the Cushite. <sup>24</sup>And David sat between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold, a man ran alone. <sup>25</sup>And the watchman cried and told the king. And the king said, If he is alone, *there is* news in his mouth. And he came apace and drew near. <sup>26</sup>And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the porter and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also brings news. <sup>27</sup>And the watchman said, I see the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and comes with good news. <sup>28</sup>And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, Peace be to you! And he fell down upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king. <sup>29</sup>And the king said, Peace to the young man, to Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great uproar, but I did not know what *it was*. <sup>30</sup>And the king said, Turn aside, stand here. And he turned aside and stood still. <sup>31</sup>And, behold, Cush came. And Cush said, *Good* news, my lord the king, for the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you. <sup>32</sup>And the king said to Cush, Peace to the young man, to Absalom? And Cush answered, May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do *you* hurt, be as the young man. <sup>33</sup>And the king was much moved, and went up to the room over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said this, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it was told to Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom. <sup>2</sup>And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning to all the people. For the people heard it said that day how the king was grieved for his son. <sup>3</sup>And the people went up secretly into the city that day, as people *who are* ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. <sup>4</sup>But the king covered his face, and the king cried *with* a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! <sup>5</sup>And Joab came into the house to the king and said, You have today shamed the faces of all your servants. For they have saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters today, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines. <sup>6</sup>By loving your enemies and hating those who love you, you have shown today that there *are* neither commanders nor servants to you. For I know that today if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you

very much! <sup>7</sup>And now get up and go out. Speak to the heart of your servants. For I swear by the LORD if you do not go out, not a man shall stay with you tonight. And that will be worse to you than all the evil which has come to you from your youth until now. <sup>8</sup>Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And they told it to the people, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate! And all the people came before the king. (For Israel had fled, every one to his tent.)

<sup>9</sup>And all the people judged themselves throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines. And now he has fled out of the land from Absalom.

<sup>10</sup>And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. And now why do you not speak a word about bringing the king back? <sup>11</sup>And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? For the word of all Israel has come to the king, to his house. <sup>12</sup>You *are* my brothers, and my flesh and my bone. Why then are you the last to bring back the king? <sup>13</sup>And you say to Amasa, *Are* you not of my bone and of my flesh? May God do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of *the* army before me all the days instead of Joab. <sup>14</sup>And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, saying, Return, you and all your servants. <sup>15</sup>And the king returned and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

<sup>16</sup>And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. <sup>17</sup>And a thousand men of Benjamin *were* with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him. And they went over Jordan before the king.

<sup>18</sup>And *they* had crossed over the ford to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he had come over Jordan. <sup>19</sup>And *he* said to the king, Let not my lord charge iniquity to me. Do not remember the perverse way your servant acted in the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to his heart. <sup>20</sup>For your servant knows that I have sinned. And, behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

<sup>21</sup>But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed? <sup>22</sup>And David said, What do I have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be my foes today? Shall there be any man put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that I *am* king over Israel today? <sup>23</sup>And the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to him.

<sup>24</sup>And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until he came in peace. <sup>25</sup>And it happened when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth? <sup>26</sup>And he answered, My lord, O, king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, I will saddle me an ass so that I may ride on it and go to the king, because your servant *is* lame. <sup>27</sup>And he spoke slander against your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king *is* as an angel of God. And do *what is* good in your eyes. <sup>28</sup>For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. And you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right then have I to cry to the king any more? <sup>29</sup>And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your matters? I have said, You and Ziba divide the land. <sup>30</sup>And Mephibosheth said to the king, Yes, let him take all, because my lord the king has come in peace to his own house.

<sup>31</sup>And Barzillai of Gilead came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king to conduct him over Jordan. <sup>32</sup>And Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided food for the king while he was lying at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man. <sup>33</sup>And the king said to Barzillai, Come over with me and I will sustain you in Jerusalem. <sup>34</sup>And Barzillai said to the king, How long do I have to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? <sup>35</sup>I am eighty years old today, and can I discern between good and evil? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I any more hear the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be still a burden to my lord the king? <sup>36</sup>Your servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me for it with such a reward? <sup>37</sup>Please let your servant return so that I may die in my own city by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold your servant Chimham, let him go over with my lord the king. And do to him what shall seem good to you. <sup>38</sup>And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you. And whatever you shall ask of me, that I will do for you. <sup>39</sup>And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king had come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him. And he returned to his own place. <sup>40</sup>And the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. And all the people of Judah were bringing the king, and also half the people of Israel.

<sup>41</sup>And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and have brought the king and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? <sup>42</sup>And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us. Why then are you angry for this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's cost? Or has he given us any gift? <sup>43</sup>And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we also have more right in David than you. Why then did you despise us, so that our advice should not be sought first in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were more fierce than the words of the men of Israel.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And there happened to be there a man of Belial named Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet and said, We have no part in David, neither do we have any inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, O, Israel! <sup>2</sup>And every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clung to their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them but did not go in to them. And they were shut up till the day of their death, living in widowhood.

<sup>4</sup>And the king said to Amasa, gather to me the men of Judah within three days, and you be present here. <sup>5</sup>And Amasa went to gather Judah. But he stayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him. <sup>6</sup>And David said to Abishai, And Sheba the son of Bichri shall do us more harm than Absalom. You take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he get himself into fenced cities and escape us. <sup>7</sup>And Joab's men went out after him, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. <sup>8</sup>They were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, and Amasa had gone before them. And Joab was girded with his war-coat, which he had put on. And upon it was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins, in its sheath. And as he went forth, it fell out. <sup>9</sup>And Joab said to Amasa, Are you well, my brother? And

Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. <sup>10</sup>And Amasa was not on guard against the sword that *was* in Joab's hand. And he struck him with it in the belly, and poured out his bowels to the ground. And he did not *strike* him again. And he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. <sup>11</sup>And one of Joab's men stood by him and said, He who favors Joab, and he who *is* for David, *go* after Joab! <sup>12</sup>And Amasa wallowed in blood in the middle of the highway. And the man saw that all the people stood still. And he moved Amasa out of the highway into the field, and threw a cloth over him when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. <sup>13</sup>When he was moved out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

<sup>14</sup>And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and to all the Berites. And they were gathered, and went after him too. <sup>15</sup>And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah. And they threw up a bank against the city. And it stood in against the wall. And all the people with Joab battered the wall to throw it down. <sup>16</sup>Then a wise woman cried out of the city, Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, Come near here so that I may speak with you. <sup>17</sup>And when he had come near her, the woman said, *Are* you Joab? And he answered, *I am*. And she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. And he answered, *I hear*. <sup>18</sup>And she spoke, saying, They spoke often in days gone by, saying, Surely they will ask of Abel, and so they ended *the matter*. <sup>19</sup>*I am* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. <sup>21</sup>The matter *is* not so. But a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Only deliver him, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall. <sup>22</sup>Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they scattered from the city, each man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

<sup>23</sup>And Joab *was* over all the army of Israel. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites. <sup>24</sup>And Adoram *was* over the tribute. And Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder. <sup>25</sup>And Sheva *was* scribe. And Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests. <sup>26</sup>And also Ira the Jairite *was* a chief ruler around David.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And there *was* a famine in the days of David three years, year after year. And David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, For Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he killed the Gibeonites. <sup>2</sup>And the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. And the Gibeonites *were* not of the sons of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites. And the sons of Israel had sworn to them. And Saul sought to kill them in his zeal to the sons of Israel and Judah. <sup>3</sup>And David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? And with what shall I atone for this, so that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD? <sup>4</sup>And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have no silver nor gold from Saul, nor from his house. Also, we will have no man in Israel put to death. And he said, What you shall say, I will do for you. <sup>5</sup>And they answered the king, The man who destroyed us, and who devised against us, *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel <sup>6</sup>let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD. And the king

said, I will give *them*. <sup>7</sup>But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. <sup>8</sup>But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite. <sup>9</sup>And *he* delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites. And they hanged them in the hill before the LORD. And they fell, seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest. <sup>10</sup>And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven. And *she* did not allow either the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. <sup>11</sup>And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. <sup>12</sup>And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa. <sup>13</sup>And he brought the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son up from there. And they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. <sup>14</sup>And *they* buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the land of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of his father Kish. And *they* did all that the king commanded. And afterward God heeded prayer for the land.

<sup>15</sup>And again the Philistines warred with Israel. And David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. And David became faint. <sup>16</sup>And Ishbi-benob, who *was* of the sons of *the giant*, the weight of whose spear *was* three hundred *shekels* of bronze in weight. And he being girded with a new *sword* thought to kill David. <sup>17</sup>But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall not go out to battle with us any more, so that you do not put out the light of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And it happened after this there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who *was* of the sons of the giant. <sup>19</sup>And there was again a battle with the Philistines in Gob, where Elhanan of Bethlehem, the son of Jaare-oregim, killed *one* of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam. <sup>20</sup>And there was yet again a battle in Gath. And there was a man of stature who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four *in* number. And he also was born to the giant. <sup>21</sup>And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah, the brother of David, killed him. <sup>22</sup>These four were born to *the giant* in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup>And he said, The LORD *is* my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer. <sup>3</sup>The God who is my Rock, in Him will I trust. He is my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower, and my Refuge, my Saviour. You save me from violence. <sup>4</sup>I will call upon the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised. And I shall be saved from my enemies. <sup>5</sup>When the waves of death encircled me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. <sup>6</sup>The sorrows of hell hemmed me in. The snares of death went in front of me. <sup>7</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried to my God. And he heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry *entered* into His ears. <sup>8</sup>And the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of the heavens moved and shook because He was angry. <sup>9</sup>Smoke went up out of His nostrils, and fire

out of His mouth devoured. Coals were kindled by it. <sup>10</sup>He bowed the heavens also, and came down. And darkness *was* under His feet. <sup>11</sup>And He rode upon a cherub and did fly. And he was seen upon the wings of the wind. <sup>12</sup>And He made darkness coverings around Him, dark waters, thick clouds of the skies. <sup>13</sup>From the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled. <sup>14</sup>The LORD thundered from the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice. <sup>15</sup>And He sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and troubled them. <sup>16</sup>And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils. <sup>17</sup>He sent from above, He took me. He drew me out of many waters. <sup>18</sup>He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me. <sup>19</sup>They went before me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my stay. <sup>20</sup>He brought me forth also into a large place. He delivered me because He delighted in me. <sup>21</sup>The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands He has rewarded me. <sup>22</sup>For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. <sup>23</sup>For all His judgments *were* before me. And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from them. <sup>24</sup>I was also upright before Him, and have kept myself from my iniquity. <sup>25</sup>And the LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes. <sup>26</sup>With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with the upright man You will show Yourself upright. <sup>27</sup>With the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the perverse You will show thyself perverse. <sup>28</sup>And You will save the afflicted people, but Your eyes *are* on the proud, *that* You may bring *them* down. <sup>29</sup>For You *are* my lamp, O LORD. And the LORD will lighten my darkness. <sup>30</sup>For by You I have run *through* a troop. By my God I have leaped over a wall. <sup>31</sup>*As for* God, His way *is* perfect. The word of the LORD is tried. He *is* a shield to all those who trust in Him. <sup>32</sup>For who *is* God, except Jehovah? And who *is* a rock except our God? <sup>33</sup>God *is* my strength *and* power, and He makes my way perfect. <sup>34</sup>He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my high places. <sup>35</sup>He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms. <sup>36</sup>You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your gentleness has made me great. <sup>37</sup>You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet did not slip. <sup>38</sup>I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and turned not again until I had finished them. <sup>39</sup>And I have crushed them and wounded them so that they could not rise. Yea, they have fallen under my feet. <sup>40</sup>For You have girded me *with* strength to battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. <sup>41</sup>You have also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I might destroy those who hate me. <sup>42</sup>They looked, but *there was* none to save. They looked to the LORD, but He did not answer them. <sup>43</sup>Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I stamped them like the mire of the street *and* spread them abroad. <sup>44</sup>You have also delivered me from the strivings of my people, You have kept me the head of the nations. A people I knew not shall serve me. <sup>45</sup>Strangers shall submit themselves to me. As soon as they hear, they shall obey me. <sup>46</sup>Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their strongholds. <sup>47</sup>The LORD lives! And blessed *be* my Rock, and exalted be the God, the Rock of my salvation. <sup>48</sup>It *is* God who avenges me and who brings down the people under me, <sup>49</sup>and who brings me forth from my enemies. You also have lifted me up on high above those who rose up against me. You have delivered me from the violent man. <sup>50</sup>Therefore, I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises to Your name. <sup>51</sup>He *is* the Tower of salvation for His king, and He shows mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed, forevermore.



## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said: <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word *was* in my tongue. <sup>3</sup>The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: he who rules over men justly, ruling *in* the fear of God, <sup>4</sup>*even is* as the light of the morning, *as* the sun rises, a morning without clouds. The tender grass *springs out* of the earth through shining after rain. <sup>5</sup>Although my house is not so with God, yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure. For all my salvation, and all *my* desire, will He not make it grow? <sup>6</sup>But the wicked shall all of them be like a thorn thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands. <sup>7</sup>But the man *who* shall touch them must be armed *with* iron and the staff of a spear. And they shall be utterly burned *in their* place.

<sup>8</sup>These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief of the captains; he *was called* Adino the Eznite, because of the eight hundred *he* killed at one time. <sup>9</sup>And after *him was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines *who* were gathered there to battle; and the men of Israel had gone up; <sup>10</sup>*he* arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and until his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD worked a great victory that day. And the people returned after him only to spoil. <sup>11</sup>And next *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. And the people fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup>But he stood in the middle of the ground and defended it, and killed the Philistines. And the LORD worked a great victory.

<sup>13</sup>And three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time into the cave of Adullam. And the troop of the Philistines pitched in the Valley of the Giants. <sup>14</sup>And David *was* then in a stronghold, and the fort of the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem. <sup>15</sup>And David longed and said, Oh that someone would give me a drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem, *which is* by the gate! <sup>16</sup>And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, which was by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David. But he would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD. <sup>17</sup>And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. *Is it not* the blood of the men who went in danger of their lives? And he would not drink it. These three mighty men did these *things*.

<sup>18</sup>And Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, *was* chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred *and* killed *them*, and had the name among three. <sup>19</sup>Surely he was honored more than the three. And he was their captain. However he did not attain to the *first* three. <sup>20</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel, a son of a mighty man, great *in* deeds. He killed two lion-like men of Moab. He went down also and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in time of snow. <sup>21</sup>And he killed an Egyptian, a goodly man. And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. <sup>22</sup>These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty ones. <sup>23</sup>He was more honorable than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.

<sup>24</sup>Asahel the brother of Joab *was* of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem; <sup>25</sup>Shammah the Harodite; Elika the Harodite; <sup>26</sup>Helez the Paltite; Ira the son of Ikkesh, the Tekoite; <sup>27</sup>Abiezer the Anathothite; Mebunnai the

Hushathite; <sup>28</sup>Zalmon the Ahobite; Maharai the Netophathite; <sup>29</sup>Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite; Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin; <sup>30</sup>Benaiah the Pirathonite; Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash; <sup>31</sup>Abialbon the Arbathite; Azmaveth the Barhumite; <sup>32</sup>Eliabha the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen; Jonathan; <sup>33</sup>Shammah the Hararite; Ahiam the son of Sharer, the Hararite; <sup>34</sup>Eliphelet the son of Ahasbi, the son of the Maachathite; Eliam the son of Ahithophel, the Gilonite; <sup>35</sup>Hezrai the Carmelite; Paarai the Arbite; <sup>36</sup>Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah; Bani the Gadite; <sup>37</sup>Zelek the Ammonite; Naharai the Beerothite, armor-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah; <sup>38</sup>Ira, an Ithrite; Gareb, an Ithrite; <sup>39</sup>Uriah the Hittite — thirty-seven in all.

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, Go count Israel and Judah. <sup>2</sup>For the king said to Joab the captain of the army, *who was* with him, Go around through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and count the people so that I may know the number of the people. <sup>3</sup>And Joab said to the king, And may the LORD your God add to the people however many they be, a hundred times as many, and may it be that the eyes of my lord the king may see. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing? <sup>4</sup>But the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. And Joab and the captains of the army went out *from* the presence of the king to number the people *of* Israel. <sup>5</sup>And they passed over Jordan and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *is* in the middle of the Valley of Gad, and to Jazer. <sup>6</sup>And they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi. And they came to Dan-jaan, and around to Sidon. <sup>7</sup>And they came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites; and went out to the south of Judah, to Beer-sheba. <sup>8</sup>And they went to and fro through all the land, and came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. <sup>9</sup>And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand strong men who drew the sword. And the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

<sup>10</sup>And David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, I have sinned greatly *in* what I have done. And now, I beseech You, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly. <sup>11</sup>And David rose up in the morning. And the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>12</sup>Go and say to David, So says the LORD, I offer you three *things*. Choose one of them, so that I may *do it* to you. <sup>13</sup>And Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come upon you and on your land? Or will you flee three months before your enemies while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? And advise, and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me. <sup>14</sup>And David said to Gad, *I am* in great distress. Let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* great. And do not let me fall into the hand of man.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning even till the time appointed. And there died from the people, from Dan to Beer-sheba, seventy thousand men. <sup>16</sup>And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD turned from the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, It is enough. And stay your hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite. <sup>17</sup>And David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? I pray You, let Your hand be against me and against my father's house.

<sup>18</sup>And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up! Rear an altar to the LORD in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. <sup>19</sup>And David went up, according to the saying of Gad, as the LORD commanded. <sup>20</sup>And Araunah looked and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and bowed before the king, his face to the ground. <sup>21</sup>And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, so that the plague may be stayed from the people. <sup>22</sup>And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seems* good to him. Behold, oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments, and instruments of the oxen for wood. <sup>23</sup>All these Araunah, like a king, gave to the king. And Araunah said to the king, May the LORD your God accept you. <sup>24</sup>And the king said to Araunah, No, but I will surely buy from you at a price. And I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God of that which costs me nothing. And David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. <sup>25</sup>And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

# THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And king David *was* old, going on in days. And they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. <sup>2</sup>And his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin. And let her stand before the king, and let her nurse him, and let her lie in your bosom, so that my lord the king may get heat. <sup>3</sup>And they sought out a beautiful girl throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag, a Shunammite. And they brought her to the king. <sup>4</sup>And the girl *was* very beautiful. And she nursed the king and served him. But the king did not know her.

<sup>5</sup>And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king. And he prepared himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. <sup>6</sup>And his father had not displeased him at any time by asking, Why have you done so? And he also *was* very good of form, and his mother bore him after Absalom. <sup>7</sup>And he talked with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped Adonijah, following him. <sup>8</sup>But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoida, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and David's mighty men, were not with Adonijah. <sup>9</sup>And Adonijah killed sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the Stone of Serpents, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants. <sup>10</sup>But he did not call Nathan the prophet and Benaiah and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother.

<sup>11</sup>And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord does not know? <sup>12</sup>And now come, and please let me give you counsel, and save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. <sup>13</sup>Go up and go in to king David, and say to him, My lord, O king, did you not swear to your handmaid, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then does Adonijah reign? <sup>14</sup>Behold, while you are still talking with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.

<sup>15</sup>And Bathsheba went in to the king into the room. And the king *was* very old, and Abishag the Shunammite served the king. <sup>16</sup>And Bathsheba bowed and honored the king. And the king said, What would you have? <sup>17</sup>And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your handmaid, *saying*, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. <sup>18</sup>And now, behold, Adonijah reigns. And now, my lord, you do not know *it*. <sup>19</sup>And he has slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army. But he has not called your servant Solomon. <sup>20</sup>And, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon you, that you should tell them who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. <sup>21</sup>And it will be, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, my son Solomon and I shall be offenders.

<sup>22</sup>And lo, she was still talking with the king, and Nathan the prophet came in. <sup>23</sup>And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And he came in before the king, and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. <sup>24</sup>And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? <sup>25</sup>For he has gone down this day, and has killed a great many of oxen and fat cattle and sheep, and has called all the king's sons and the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest. And behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, Let king Adonijah live. <sup>26</sup>But he has not called me, your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoida, and your servant

Solomon. <sup>27</sup>Is this thing done by my lord the king, and have you not shown your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

<sup>28</sup>And David answered and said, Call Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. <sup>29</sup>And the king swore, and said, As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all distress, <sup>30</sup>surely as I swore to you by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Surely Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place, even so I will do today. <sup>31</sup>And Bathsheba bowed *her* face to the earth, and honored the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever. <sup>32</sup>And king David said, Call Zadok the priest to me, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. <sup>33</sup>The king also said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. <sup>34</sup>And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel there. And blow with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. <sup>35</sup>And you shall come up after him, so that he may come and sit upon my throne. For he shall be king in my place. And I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. <sup>36</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen. May the LORD God of my lord the king say so. <sup>37</sup>As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

<sup>38</sup>And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. <sup>39</sup>And Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, God save king Solomon. <sup>40</sup>And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced *with* great joy, so that the earth was torn with their sound. <sup>41</sup>And Adonijah heard, and all the invited guests with him. And they stopped eating. And Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, and said, What *is* this noise roaring from the city? <sup>42</sup>And he was still speaking, and behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. And Adonijah said to him, Come in, for you *are* a mighty man and you bring good news. <sup>43</sup>And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king. <sup>44</sup>And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule. <sup>45</sup>And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon. And they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you heard. <sup>46</sup>And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. <sup>47</sup>And also the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. <sup>48</sup>And also the king said, Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel, who has given *one* to sit on my throne today, my eyes even seeing *it*. <sup>49</sup>And all those who *were* invited by Adonijah trembled and arose and left, each to his way.

<sup>50</sup>And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose and went and caught hold on the horns of the altar. <sup>51</sup>And it was told to Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon. For, lo, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword. <sup>52</sup>And Solomon said, If he becomes a son of virtue, not a hair of his head shall fall to the earth. But if wickedness shall be found in him, then he shall die. <sup>53</sup>And king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And

he came and bowed himself to king Solomon. And Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And the days of David drew near *for him* to die. And he charged Solomon his son, saying, <sup>2</sup>I go the way of all the earth. And you be strong and show yourself a man. <sup>3</sup>And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn yourself, <sup>4</sup>that the LORD may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not be a man of yours cut off from the throne of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And also you know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle on his loins, and in his shoes on his feet. <sup>6</sup>And you shall do according to your wisdom and shall not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace. <sup>7</sup>But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at your table. For so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother. <sup>8</sup>And, behold, with you *is* Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me *with* a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword. <sup>9</sup>And now, do not hold him guiltless. For you *are* a wise man, and you know what you ought to do to him. But bring his gray head down to the grave with blood.

<sup>10</sup>And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup>And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father. And his kingdom was firmly established.

<sup>13</sup>And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peacefully? And he said, Peacefully. <sup>14</sup>And he said, I have something to say to you. And she said, Speak. <sup>15</sup>And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me that I should reign. However, the kingdom is turned around, and has become my brother's. For it was his from the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And now I ask one favor of you; do not deny me. And she said to him, Speak. <sup>17</sup>And he said, Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not deny you that he give me Abishag the Shunammite for my wife. <sup>18</sup>And Bathsheba said, Very well; I will speak for you to the king. <sup>19</sup>And Bathsheba came in to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother. And she sat on his right hand. <sup>20</sup>And she said, I desire one small favor of you. Do not deny me. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother, for I will not deny you. <sup>21</sup>And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to your brother Adonijah for a wife. <sup>22</sup>And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask the kingdom also for him. For he *is* my older brother! Even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah! <sup>23</sup>And king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, May God do so to me, and more He shall do, if Adonijah has *not* spoken this word against his life. <sup>24</sup>And now, *as* the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house, as He spoke, Adonijah shall be put to death today. <sup>25</sup>And king

Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And he fell on him so that he died. <sup>26</sup>And the king said to Abiathar the priest, Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you *are* worthy of death. But I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all *that in* which my father was afflicted. <sup>27</sup>And Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, so that he might fulfil the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

<sup>28</sup>And the report came to Joab. For Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he did not turn after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. <sup>29</sup>And it was told king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and, behold, *he is* by the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go fall on him. <sup>30</sup>And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said to him, So says the king, come forth! And he said, No, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and so he answered me. <sup>31</sup>And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him, so that you may take away the innocent blood which Joab shed, from me and from the house of my father. <sup>32</sup>And the LORD shall return his blood on his own head, who fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, my father David not knowing *of it*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah. <sup>33</sup>Yea, He shall turn back their blood on the head of Joab, and on the head of his seed forever. But on David, and on his seed, and on his house, and on his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD. <sup>34</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell on him and killed him. And he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. <sup>35</sup>And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in his place. And the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar. <sup>36</sup>And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build a house at Jerusalem and live there, and do not go forth from there anywhere. <sup>37</sup>For it shall be, on the day you go out and pass over the Kidron, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die. Your blood shall be on your own head. <sup>38</sup>And Shimei said to the king, Your saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

<sup>39</sup>And it happened at the end of three years, two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants *are* in Gath. <sup>40</sup>And Shimei arose and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath. <sup>41</sup>And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had come again. <sup>42</sup>And the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, In the day you go out, and you have gone anywhere, you certainly shall know that you shall surely die? And you said to me, The word I have heard is good. <sup>43</sup>Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the command that I have charged you with? <sup>44</sup>And the king said to Shimei, You know all the wickedness that your heart knows, what you did to David my father. And the LORD shall return your wickedness on your own head. <sup>45</sup>And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever. <sup>46</sup>And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell on him so that he died. And the kingdom was made sure in the hand of Solomon.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon made an alliance by marriage with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Only the people sacrificed in high places because there was no house built to the name of the LORD until those days. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father. Only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. <sup>4</sup>And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there. For that *was* the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup>In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night. And God said, Ask what I shall give you! <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before You in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with You. And You have kept this great kindness for him, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father. And I *am* a little child; I do not know to go out or come in! <sup>8</sup>And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a numerous people who cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>And give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, so that I may tell between good and bad. For who is able to judge this, Your great people? <sup>10</sup>And the speech was good in the eyes of the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, and have not asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to judge justly, <sup>12</sup>behold, I have done according to your words. Lo, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, and after you none shall any arise like you. <sup>13</sup>And I also have given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

<sup>16</sup>Then there came two women, harlots, to the king, and stood before him. <sup>17</sup>And the one woman said, O my lord, this woman and I live in one house. And I was delivered of a child with her in the house. <sup>18</sup>And it happened the third day after I was delivered, this woman was delivered also. And we were together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. <sup>19</sup>And this woman's child died in the night, because she laid on it. <sup>20</sup>And she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me, while your servant was sleeping, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. <sup>21</sup>When I arose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, *it was* dead. And when I had looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son whom I bore. <sup>22</sup>And the other woman said, No, but the living is my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this *one* said, No, but the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. So they spoke before the king. <sup>23</sup>And the king said, The *one* says, This *is* my son who lives, and your son *is* the dead. And the other says, No, but your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living. <sup>24</sup>And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup>And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other. <sup>26</sup>And the woman whose son *was* the living child said to the king – for her womb yearned over her son. And she said, O my lord, give her the



living child, and in no way kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours; divide it! <sup>27</sup>And the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no way kill it. She is the mother of it. <sup>28</sup>And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged. And they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And king Solomon was king over all Israel. <sup>2</sup>And these were the rulers which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, <sup>3</sup>Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha were the scribes. Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud the recorder, <sup>4</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army. And Zadok and Abiathar were priests. <sup>5</sup>And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers, and Zabud the son of Nathan was the minister and the king's friend. <sup>6</sup>And Ahishar was over the household. And Adoniram the son of Abda was over the forced labor.

<sup>7</sup>And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household. Each man had his month in a year to provide food. <sup>8</sup>These are their names: the son of Hur in Mount Ephraim; <sup>9</sup>the son of Dekar in Makaz and in Shaalbin, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan; <sup>10</sup>the son of Heseb, in Aruboth; to him was Sochoh and all the land of Hepher; <sup>11</sup>the son of Abinadab in all the height of Dor, Taphath the daughter of Solomon was a wife to him; <sup>12</sup>Baana the son of Ahilud to whom was Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah to the place that is beyond Jokneam; <sup>13</sup>the son of Geber in Ramoth-gilead — to him were the towns of Jair, Manasseh's son, which are in Gilead; to him also was the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars; <sup>14</sup>Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim; <sup>15</sup>Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon for a wife; <sup>16</sup>Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth; <sup>17</sup>Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar; <sup>18</sup>Shimei the son of Elah was in Benjamin; <sup>19</sup>Geber the son of Uri was in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer in the land; <sup>20</sup>Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude; eating and drinking and making merry.

<sup>21</sup>And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought presents and served Solomon all the days of his life. <sup>22</sup>And Solomon's food for one day was thirty measures of fine flour and sixty measures of meal, <sup>23</sup>ten fat oxen and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides harts and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fattened fowl. <sup>24</sup>For he had the rule over all on this side of the River, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the River. And he had peace on all sides all around him. <sup>25</sup>And Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon. <sup>26</sup>And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. <sup>27</sup>And those officers provided food for king Solomon and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month. They did not lack anything. <sup>28</sup>They also brought barley and straw for the horses and mules, to the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge. <sup>29</sup>And God gave Solomon exceeding great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore. <sup>30</sup>And Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the sons of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. <sup>31</sup>For he was wiser than all men — than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame was in all nations all

around. <sup>32</sup>And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five. <sup>33</sup>And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fish. <sup>34</sup>And there came *some* from all the people, to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king instead of his father. For Hiram was always a lover of David. <sup>2</sup>And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, <sup>3</sup>You know how David my father could not build a house to the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which were around him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. <sup>4</sup>But now the LORD my God has given me rest all around. *There is* no foe nor evil happening. <sup>5</sup>And behold, I purpose to build a house to the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, Your son whom I will set on your throne in your place; he shall build a house to My name. <sup>6</sup>And now command that they cut me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall be with your servants. And I will give you hire for your servants according to all that you shall say. For you know that not a man among us can cut timber like the Sidonians.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, who has given David a wise son over this great people. <sup>8</sup>And Hiram sent to Solomon saying, I have heard that for which you sent to me. I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. <sup>9</sup>My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea. And I will bring them by sea in floats to the place that you shall name. And I will cause them to be left there, and you shall receive *them*. And you shall fulfill my desire in giving food for my household. <sup>10</sup>And Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees, all his desire. <sup>11</sup>And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food for his household, and twenty measures of pure oil. So Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon. And the two of them made a treaty together.

<sup>13</sup>And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel. And the labor force *was* thirty thousand men. <sup>14</sup>And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month, by courses. They were a month in Lebanon, *and* two months at home. And Adoniram *was* over the labor force. <sup>15</sup>And Solomon had seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty thousand woodcutters in the mountains, <sup>16</sup>besides the chief of Solomon's officers who *were* over the work, thirty-three hundred, who ruled over the people who labored in the work. <sup>17</sup>And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, cut stones, to lay the foundation of the house. <sup>18</sup>And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Giblites cut out and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, its length *was* sixty cubits and its breadth twenty *cubits*, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>3</sup>And the porch before the temple of the house *was* twenty cubits in length, according to the breadth of the house. Ten cubits *was* its breadth on the front of the house.

<sup>4</sup>And for the house he made windows of narrow frames. <sup>5</sup>And against the wall of the house he built floors all around, *against* the walls of the house all around, of the temple and of the holy of holies. And he made rooms all around. <sup>6</sup>The lowest story *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad. For around the outside of the house he made narrowed ledges for the house all around, so as not to lay hold of the walls of the house. <sup>7</sup>And when it was being built, the house was built of stone made ready beforehand. And there was not heard in the house a hammer or an axe, *or* any iron tool, while it was being built.

<sup>8</sup>The door for the middle story *was* in the right side of the house. And they went up with winding stairs into the middle *story*, and out of the middle into the third. <sup>9</sup>And he built the house and finished it. And he covered the house *with* beams and rows of cedar. <sup>10</sup>And he built the side-stories on all the house, five cubits high. And they rested on the house with timbers of cedar.

<sup>11</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying, <sup>12</sup>*As to* this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and do My judgments and keep all My commandments, to walk in them, then I will perform My work with you which I spoke to David your father. <sup>13</sup>And I will live among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel. <sup>14</sup>And Solomon built the house and finished it. <sup>15</sup>And he built the walls of the house inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house and the walls of the ceiling. He covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. <sup>16</sup>And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar. He even built *them* for it inside, for the holy of holies, for the most holy *place*. <sup>17</sup>And the house, *that is*, the temple before *it*, *was* forty cubits. <sup>18</sup>And the cedar of the house inside *was* carved with gourds and open flowers. All *was* cedar; there was no stone seen. <sup>19</sup>And he prepared the holy of holies in the house inside, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And the holy of holies in the front part *was* twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in height. And he overlaid it with pure gold, and covered the altar of cedar. <sup>21</sup>And Solomon overlaid the house inside with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across before the holy place. And he overlaid it with gold. <sup>22</sup>And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until he had finished all the house. Also all of the altar that *belonged* to the holy place, he overlaid with gold: <sup>23</sup>And inside the holy place he made two cherubs of olive wood, ten cubits high. <sup>24</sup>And one wing of the cherub *was* five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub *was* five cubits; ten cubits from the ends of its wings even to the ends of its wings. <sup>25</sup>And the other cherub *was* ten cubits. Both the cherubs *were* of one measure and one size. <sup>26</sup>The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* the other cherub. <sup>27</sup>And he set the cherubs inside the inner house. And they stretched forth the wings of the cherubs so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. <sup>28</sup>And he overlaid the cherubs with gold. <sup>29</sup>And he carved all the walls of the house all around with carved figures of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, inside and out. <sup>30</sup>And the floor of the house was overlaid with gold inside and out.

<sup>31</sup>As to the entrance of the holy place he made doors of olive wood. The lintel and side posts *were* a fifth part of the wall. <sup>32</sup>And the two doors *were* of olive wood. And he carved on them carvings of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold and spread gold on the cherubs and on the palm trees. <sup>33</sup>So he also made for the door of the temple posts of olive wood, a fourth part of the wall. <sup>34</sup>And the two doors *were* of fir tree. The two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding. <sup>35</sup>And he

carved on them cherubs and palm trees and open bowers. And he covered them with gold fitted on the carved work. <sup>36</sup>And he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams. <sup>37</sup>In the fourth year, in the month Zif, the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. <sup>38</sup>And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished as to all its parts, and as to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon was thirteen years building his own house. And he finished all his house. <sup>2</sup>And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon. Its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars. <sup>3</sup>And it was covered with cedar above on the beams that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. <sup>4</sup>And windows were in three rows, and light was against light in three rows. <sup>5</sup>And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows. And light was against light in three rows. <sup>6</sup>And he made a porch of pillars. Its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits. And the porch was before them, and the pillars and the roof were over them. <sup>7</sup>And he made a porch of the throne where he judged, the porch of judgment. And it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. <sup>8</sup>As to his house where he lived, the other court was within the porch, as this work was. Solomon also made a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken, like this porch. <sup>9</sup>All these buildings were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewn stones, sawed with saws, inside and out, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court. <sup>10</sup>And the foundation was of costly stones, huge stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. <sup>11</sup>And above were costly stones, according to the measures of hewn stone and cedar. <sup>12</sup>And the great court all around was with three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

<sup>13</sup>And king Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre. <sup>14</sup>He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in bronze. And he came to king Solomon and did all his work. <sup>15</sup>For he cast two pillars of bronze, each of eighteen cubits high. And a line of twelve cubits went around both of them. <sup>16</sup>And he made two capitals of melted bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital five cubits. <sup>17</sup>He made gratings, grating work with twisted threads of chain-work, for the capitals on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. <sup>18</sup>And he made the pillars. And two rows were all around on the one grating, to cover the capitals on the top with the pomegranates. And so he did for the other capital. <sup>19</sup>And the capitals on the top of the pillars in the porch were lily-work, four cubits. <sup>20</sup>And the capitals on the two pillars, had pomegranates on the upper part, over against the belly which was by the grating; and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows all around on the other capital. <sup>21</sup>And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple. And he set up the right pillar and called its name, Jachin. And he set up the left pillar, and called its name, Boaz. <sup>22</sup>And on the top of the pillars was lily-work. So the work of the pillars was finished.

<sup>23</sup>And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, all around it. And its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits went around it. <sup>24</sup>And under its brim were gourds, going around it, ten by the cubit, going all around the sea. The gourds were cast in two rows when it was cast. <sup>25</sup>It stood on twelve oxen, three

looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. The sea was set on top of them, and all their hinder parts were inward. <sup>26</sup>And it was a hand-breadth thick, and its brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, with a bud of a lily. It contained two thousand baths.

<sup>27</sup>And he made ten bases of bronze, four cubits the length of the one base, and four cubits its breadth, and three cubits its height. <sup>28</sup>And the work of the bases was this way: they had borders, and the borders were between the stays. <sup>29</sup>And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubs. And a pedestal was on the stays above. And beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging-work. <sup>30</sup>And the one base had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze. And its four feet were supports to them; under the basin were casted supports with wreaths at each side. <sup>31</sup>And its mouth within and above the capital was a cubit. And its mouth was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit and half of the cubit. And also on its mouth were carvings; and their borders were square, not round. <sup>32</sup>And under the borders were four wheels. And the axletrees of the wheels were in the base. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and a half. <sup>33</sup>And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel, their axletrees, and their rims, and their hub, and their spokes, were all cast. <sup>34</sup>And there were four supports to the four corners of one base, and the supports were of the very base itself. <sup>35</sup>And in the top of the base there was a round compass of a half a cubit high. And on the top of the base its sides and its borders were from it. <sup>36</sup>And he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees on the plates of its sides, and on its borders, as the place of each, with wreaths all around. <sup>37</sup>So he made the ten bases, one casting, one form was to them all.

<sup>38</sup>And he made ten basins of bronze. One basin contained forty baths. The one basin was four cubits, one basin on the one base, to the ten bases. <sup>39</sup>And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. And he set the sea on the right side of the house, eastward, across from the south.

<sup>40</sup>And Hiram made the basins and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD. <sup>41</sup>He made the two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals on the top of the two pillars, and the two gratings to cover the two bowls of the capitals on the top of the pillars, <sup>42</sup>and the four hundred pomegranates for the two gratings; two rows of pomegranates for each grating, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the face of the pillars, <sup>43</sup>and the ten bases, and ten basins on the bases, <sup>44</sup>and one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea, <sup>45</sup>and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. All these vessels which Hiram made for king Solomon for the house of the LORD were of burnished bronze. <sup>46</sup>The king cast them in the plain of Jordan, in the thick soil of the ground between Succoth and Zarethan.

<sup>47</sup>And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed because they were exceeding many; the weight of the bronze was not searched out. <sup>48</sup>And Solomon made all the vessels in the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold on which was the showbread, <sup>49</sup>and the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right and five on the left, in front of the holy of holies, with the flowers and the lamps and the tongs of gold, <sup>50</sup>and the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire-pans of pure gold, and the hinges of gold for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, the temple.

<sup>51</sup>So all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated: the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, he had put into the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, so that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>2</sup>And all the men of Israel were gathered to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And all the elders of Israel came in, and the priests took up the ark. <sup>4</sup>And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels which were in the tabernacle; even those the priests and the Levites brought up. <sup>5</sup>And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who had assembled to him, were with him before the ark sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. <sup>6</sup>And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD into its place, into the holy place of the house, into the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubs. <sup>7</sup>For the cherubs spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark. And the cherubs covered the ark and the staves of it above. <sup>8</sup>And they drew out the staves, so that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy of holies, in front of the holy *place*. And they were not seen outside. And there they are until today. <sup>9</sup>*There was* nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And it happened when the priests had come out of the holy of holies, the cloud filled the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>And Solomon said, The LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I have surely built a house of loftiness for You, a settled place for You to abide in forever. <sup>14</sup>And the king turned his face around and blessed all the congregation of Israel. And all the congregation of Israel stood. <sup>15</sup>And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to David my father, and has fulfilled *it* by His hand, saying, <sup>16</sup>From the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I did not choose any city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, so that My name might be in it. But I chose David to be over My people Israel. <sup>17</sup>And it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD said to my father David, Because it was in your heart to build a house to My name, you did well that it was in your heart. <sup>19</sup>Only, you shall not build the house, but your son who shall come out of your loins, he shall build the house to My name. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD has performed His word which He spoke, and I have risen up instead of my father David. And I sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised. And I have built a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>21</sup>And I have set there a place for the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD which He made with our fathers when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>22</sup>And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward the heavens. <sup>23</sup>And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like You, in Heaven above or on earth beneath, who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>who have kept with Your servant David my father what You promised him. You also spoke with Your mouth, and have fulfilled with Your hand, as *it is* today. <sup>25</sup>And now, LORD God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, what You promised him, saying, There shall not be cut off from you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel — if your sons take heed to their way so that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me. <sup>26</sup>And now,

O God of Israel, I pray You, let Your word be proved to be true, the word which You spoke to Your servant David my father. <sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold! The heaven and the heavens of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this house which I have built? <sup>28</sup>Yet, O, LORD my God, You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant and to his request, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today; <sup>29</sup>for Your eyes to be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My name shall be there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place. <sup>30</sup>And You shall listen to the cry of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place, and hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and when You hear, forgive!

<sup>31</sup>If any man sins against his neighbor, and if an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and if the oath comes before Your altar in this house, <sup>32</sup>then hear in Heaven, and do, and judge Your servants, to declare the wicked to be wicked, to bring his way on his head, and to declare the righteous to be righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

<sup>33</sup>When Your people Israel are crushed before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and shall turn again to You and confess Your name, and pray, and cry to You in this house, <sup>34</sup>then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again into the land which You gave to their fathers. <sup>35</sup>When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them, <sup>36</sup>then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, that they might be taught by You the good way in which they should walk, and give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

<sup>37</sup>If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blasting, mildew, locusts; if there are stripping locusts; if their enemy encircles them in the land of their cities – whatever plague, whatever sickness, <sup>38</sup>any prayer, any supplication from any man of all Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house, <sup>39</sup>then hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart You know. For You, You only, know the hearts of all the sons of men. <sup>40</sup>Do this so that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You have given to our fathers. <sup>41</sup>And concerning a stranger who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes out of a far country for Your name's sake; <sup>42</sup>for they shall hear of Your great name and of Your strong hand and of Your stretched-out arm; and if he shall come and pray toward this house, <sup>43</sup>hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all the people of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as Your people Israel do, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name.

<sup>44</sup>If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name, <sup>45</sup>then hear in Heaven their prayer and their cry, and maintain their cause. <sup>46</sup>If they sin against You (for *there is* no man who does not sin), and if You are angry with them and they are delivered by You to the enemy so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far or near, <sup>47</sup>yet if they shall think within themselves in the land where they are carried captives, and repent, and pray to You in the land of them who carried them away captives, saying, We have sinned and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness, <sup>48</sup>and so return to You with all their heart, and with all

their soul, in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and if they pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, to the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name, <sup>49</sup>then hear their prayer and their cry in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and maintain their cause, <sup>50</sup>and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and forgive all their sins which they have done against You, and give them pity before them who carried them away captive, so that they may have pity on them. <sup>51</sup>For they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, which You brought out of Egypt, from the middle of the furnace of iron, <sup>52</sup>for Your eyes shall be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for to You. <sup>53</sup>For You have separated them from among all the people of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

<sup>54</sup>And it happened as Solomon finished praying all this prayer and petition to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. <sup>55</sup>And he stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, <sup>56</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant. <sup>57</sup>May the LORD our God be with us as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us, <sup>58</sup>to incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments which He commanded our fathers. <sup>59</sup>And let these my words, with which I have prayed before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, so that He may maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as any need arises, <sup>60</sup>for all the people of the earth know that Jehovah is God; *there is* no other. <sup>61</sup>And let your heart be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as *at* this day.

<sup>62</sup>And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. <sup>63</sup>And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. <sup>64</sup>On that day the king sanctified the middle of the court before the house of the LORD. For there he had offered the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the bronze altar before Jehovah was too small to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. <sup>65</sup>And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation – from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt – before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days. <sup>66</sup>On the eighth day he sent the people away. And they blessed the king and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David His servant, and for Israel His people.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And it happened as Solomon finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, <sup>2</sup>the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said to him, I have heard your prayer and your cry which you have made before Me. I have made this house which you have built holy, to put My name there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually. <sup>4</sup>And if you will walk before Me as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you; *and if you*



will keep My statutes and My judgments,<sup>5</sup> then I will establish the throne of your kingdom on Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not be cut off to you a man on the throne of Israel. <sup>6</sup>If you shall at all turn from following Me, you or your sons, and will not keep My commandments *and* My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,<sup>7</sup> then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them. And this house which I have made holy for My name I will cast out of My sight. And Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people. <sup>8</sup>As to this house *which* is exalted, everyone who passes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss. And they shall say, Why has the LORD done this to this land and to this house? <sup>9</sup>And they shall answer, Because they left the LORD their God who brought out their fathers from the land of Egypt, and have taken hold on other gods and have worshipped them and served them. On account of this the LORD has brought on them all this evil.

<sup>10</sup>And it happened at the end of twenty years, Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house. <sup>11</sup>Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desires. Then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him. And they did not please him. <sup>13</sup>And he said, What cities *are* these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul to this day. <sup>14</sup>And Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold.

<sup>15</sup>And this *is* the reason of the labor force which king Solomon raised to build the house of the LORD and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. <sup>16</sup>For Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had gone up and had taken Gezer and had burned it with fire, and had slain the Canaanites who lived in the city. And he had given it *for* a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife. <sup>17</sup>And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the lower, <sup>18</sup>and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land. <sup>19</sup>And he built all the store-cities which Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. <sup>20</sup>And all the people *who were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, *who were* not of the sons of Israel, <sup>21</sup>their sons *who were* left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel also were not able to destroy completely, on those Solomon laid a tribute of bond-service to this day. <sup>22</sup>But Solomon did not make any bondmen out of the sons of Israel. But they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his rulers, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>23</sup>These *were* the chief of the officers *who were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty who ruled over the people who labored in the work.

<sup>24</sup>But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which had been built for her. And he built Millo. <sup>25</sup>And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built to the LORD, and he burned incense on the altar which was before the LORD. And he finished the house. <sup>26</sup>And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. <sup>27</sup>And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. <sup>28</sup>And they came to Ophir, and brought gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame concerning the name of the LORD, and she came to test him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup>And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones. And she came to Solomon, and she told him all that was in her heart. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon answered all her questions for her. There was not a thing hidden from the king, which he did not tell her. <sup>4</sup>And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house which he had built, <sup>5</sup>and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. <sup>6</sup>And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. <sup>7</sup>And I did not believe the words until I came and my eyes had seen. And behold! The half was not told me. Your wisdom and blessings are more than the fame which I heard. <sup>8</sup>Happy *are* your men, happy *are* these who are your servants, who stand always before you, *and* who hear your wisdom. <sup>9</sup>Blessed is Jehovah your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because the LORD loved Israel forever; therefore, He made you king to do judgment and justice. <sup>10</sup>And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, a very great store of spices, and precious stones. No spice like that came any more for abundance, that the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. <sup>11</sup>And also the navy of Hiram which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great abundance of almug trees and precious stones. <sup>12</sup>And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for singers. No *such* almug wood has come or been seen to this day. <sup>13</sup>And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides *what* Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

<sup>14</sup>And the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, <sup>15</sup>apart from the *revenue* from the men of the dusky kings, and from the traffic, and from the traders of the spice merchants, and from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the lands. <sup>16</sup>And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into one target. <sup>17</sup>And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went into one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. <sup>18</sup>And the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. <sup>19</sup>The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round in the back part. And *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, <sup>20</sup>and two lions were standing on the six steps, on this and on that *side*. There was not the like made in any kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold. None *were* of silver; it was counted nothing in the days of Solomon. <sup>22</sup>For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram. Once in three years the navy of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. <sup>23</sup>And king Solomon was greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. <sup>24</sup>And all the earth sought Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. <sup>25</sup>And every man brought his presents, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and clothing and armor, and spices, horses and mules, so much year by year.

<sup>26</sup>And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. And he had fourteen hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>And the king made silver like stones

in Jerusalem, and he made cedars like the sycamore trees in the valley for abundance. <sup>28</sup>And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and out of Kue. The king's merchants received them from Kue at a price. <sup>29</sup>And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. And so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought *them* out by their means.

### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And king Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; <sup>2</sup>of the nations which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup>And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup>For it happened when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. <sup>5</sup>For Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites; <sup>6</sup>and Solomon did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and did not *go* fully after the LORD like his father David. <sup>7</sup>Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill which *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon. <sup>8</sup>And likewise he did for all his foreign wives, and burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD *was* angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice <sup>10</sup>and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; and he did not keep that which the LORD commanded. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Solomon, Since this is done by you, and since you have not kept My covenant and My statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. <sup>12</sup>But I will not do it in your days, for David your father's sake, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup>Only, I will not tear away all the kingdom, *but* I will give one tribe to your son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

<sup>14</sup>And it happened the LORD stirred up a foe to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He *was* of the king's seed in Edom. <sup>15</sup>For it happened when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had stricken every male in Edom — <sup>16</sup>for Joab remained there six months with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom — <sup>17</sup>it happened that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go to Egypt, Hadad *being* still a little child. <sup>18</sup>And they arose out of Midian and came to Paran. And they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and appointed food for him, and gave him land. <sup>19</sup>And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him the sister of his own wife for a wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. <sup>20</sup>And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. <sup>21</sup>And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart so that I may go to my own land. <sup>22</sup>And Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me that, behold, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing; however, you shall certainly send me away.

<sup>23</sup>And God stirred him up *another* foe, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. <sup>24</sup>And he gathered men to him, and became captain over a band when David killed the ones *from Zobah*. And they went to Damascus and lived in it, and reigned in Damascus. <sup>25</sup>And he was a foe to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief which Hadad *did*. And he hated Israel and reigned over Syria. <sup>26</sup>And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, he too lifted up *his* hand against the king. <sup>27</sup>And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king. Solomon built Millo *and* repaired the breaks of the city of David his father. <sup>28</sup>And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of war. And Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, *he* made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. <sup>29</sup>And it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh found him in the way. And he had clothed himself with a new garment. And the two of them *were* alone in the field. <sup>30</sup>And Ahijah caught hold of the new robe on him, and tore it *in* twelve pieces. <sup>31</sup>And *he* said to Jeroboam, You take ten pieces. For so says the LORD, the God of Israel, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you, <sup>32</sup>but he shall have one tribe for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, <sup>33</sup>because they have forsaken Me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the goddess of the sons of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do what is right in My eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as David his father *did*. <sup>34</sup>But I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of David My servant, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes. <sup>35</sup>But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, ten tribes. <sup>36</sup>And to his son I will give one tribe, so that David My servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Me to put My name there. <sup>37</sup>And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. <sup>38</sup>And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant *did*, it shall happen that I will be with you and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. <sup>39</sup>And for this I will afflict the seed of David, but not forever. <sup>40</sup>And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

<sup>41</sup>And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in *the* Book of the Acts of Solomon? <sup>42</sup>And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years. <sup>43</sup>And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And Rehoboam went to Shechem. For all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup>And it happened when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, heard, *he being* still in Egypt; for he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt; <sup>3</sup>they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, <sup>4</sup>Your father made our yoke hard. And now lighten the hard service and the heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, Go away again for three days, and then come back to me. And the people went away. <sup>6</sup>And king Rehoboam talked with the old

men who had stood before Solomon his father while he still lived, and said, How do you advise that I answer this people? <sup>7</sup>And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people today, and will serve them and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever. <sup>8</sup>But he left the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and talked with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke which your father put on us? <sup>10</sup>And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, So shall you speak to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter for us, so you shall say to them: My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. <sup>11</sup>And now my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, and I will add to your yoke. My father has whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. <sup>12</sup>And they came, Jeroboam and all the people, to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. <sup>13</sup>And the king answered the people roughly, and left the old men's advice which they gave him, <sup>14</sup>and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke. My father whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. <sup>15</sup>And the king did not listen to the people, for the cause was from the LORD, that He might perform His saying which the LORD spoke by Ahijah of Shiloh to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

<sup>16</sup>And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people answered the king, saying, What part do we have in David? Yea, there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now see *to* your house, O David! And Israel went to its tents. <sup>17</sup>As for the sons of Israel, those living in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. <sup>18</sup>And king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute. And all Israel stoned him with stones so that he died. And king Rehoboam made haste to go up to get into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. <sup>20</sup>And it happened when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, they sent and called him to the company, and made him king over all Israel. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

<sup>21</sup>And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and he gathered all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. <sup>22</sup>But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, <sup>23</sup>Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, <sup>24</sup>So says the LORD, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the sons of Israel. Each man return to his house. For this thing is from Me. And they listened to the word of the LORD and turned to go back, according to the word of the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>And Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim and lived in it, and went out from there and built Penuel. <sup>26</sup>And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall return to the house of David! <sup>27</sup>If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. <sup>28</sup>And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt! <sup>29</sup>And he set the one in Bethel, and he put the other in Dan. <sup>30</sup>And this thing became a sin, for the people went *to worship* before the one, even to Dan. <sup>31</sup>And he made

a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not the sons of Levi.<sup>32</sup> And Jeroboam ordered a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that *is* in Judah. And he offered on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.<sup>33</sup> And he offered on the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised out of his own heart. And he ordered a feast for the sons of Israel. And he offered on the altar, and burned incense.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And behold, a man of God came out of Judah, by the word of the LORD, to Bethel. And Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.<sup>2</sup> And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD and said, O, altar, altar, so says the LORD. Behold, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and on you he shall offer the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.<sup>3</sup> And he gave a sign the same day, saying, *This is* the sign which the LORD has spoken. Behold, the altar shall be torn apart, and the ashes that *are* on it shall be poured out.<sup>4</sup> And it happened when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God who had cried against the altar in Bethel, he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him! And his hand, which he put forth against him withered up so that he could not pull it in again to himself.<sup>5</sup> The altar also was torn apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.<sup>6</sup> And the king answered and said to the man of God, Seek now the face of the LORD your God, and pray for me so that my hand may be given back to me again. And the man of God prayed to the LORD, and the king's hand was given back to him again, and became as *it was* before.<sup>7</sup> And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.<sup>8</sup> And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, nor will I eat bread nor drink water in this place.<sup>9</sup> For so was it commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread nor drink water, nor return again by the same way that you came.<sup>10</sup> And he went another way, and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

<sup>11</sup>And a certain old prophet was living in Bethel, and his son came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. The words which he had spoken to the king they also told to their father.<sup>12</sup> And their father said to them, What way did he go? For his sons had seen what way the man of God, who came from Judah, had gone.<sup>13</sup> And he said to his sons, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled the ass for him, and he rode on it,<sup>14</sup> and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. And *he* said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, *I am*.<sup>15</sup> And he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread.<sup>16</sup> And he said, I may not return with you nor go in with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.<sup>17</sup> For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came.<sup>18</sup> And he said to him, *I am* a prophet also as you *are*. And an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, so that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied to him.<sup>19</sup> So he went back with him and ate bread in his house, and drank water.<sup>20</sup> And it happened *as* they sat at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who brought him back.<sup>21</sup> And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, So says the LORD, Because you have not obeyed the mouth of the LORD and have not kept the command which the

LORD your God commanded you, <sup>22</sup>but came back and have eaten bread and have drunk water in the place which *the LORD* said to you, Eat no bread and drink no water, your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.

<sup>23</sup>And after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, it happened that he saddled the ass for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back. <sup>24</sup>And when he had gone, a lion met him by the way and killed him. And his dead body was thrown in the highway, and the ass stood by it, and the lion also stood by the body. <sup>25</sup>And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown in the way, and the lion standing by the body. And they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet lived. <sup>26</sup>And when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard, he said, *It is the man of God who did not obey the word of the LORD.* And the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him. <sup>27</sup>And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled *it*. <sup>28</sup>And he went and found his body thrown in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor torn the ass. <sup>29</sup>And the prophet took up the dead body of the man of God, and laid it on the ass and brought it back. And the prophet came to the city to mourn and to bury him. <sup>30</sup>And he laid his body in his own grave. And they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! <sup>31</sup>And it happened after he had buried him, he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones, <sup>32</sup>for the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

<sup>33</sup>After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again made priests of the high places from the lowest of the people. He who desired, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. <sup>34</sup>And this thing is the sin of the house of Jeroboam, even to blot *it* from off the face of the earth.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. <sup>2</sup>And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, please, and disguise yourself so that you will not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam. And go to Shiloh. Behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, who told me about *being* king over this people. <sup>3</sup>And take ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey with you, and go to him. And he will tell you what shall become of the boy. <sup>4</sup>And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose and went to Shiloh. And she came to the house of Ahijah. And Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were set because of his age. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son, for he is sick. This and this you shall say to her, for when she comes in, she shall act as a stranger. <sup>6</sup>And it happened when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet *as* she came in at the door, he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why are you acting as a stranger? For *I am* sent to you *with* a hard thing. <sup>7</sup>Go tell Jeroboam, So says the LORD God of Israel, I lifted you up from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel, <sup>8</sup>and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you. And you have not been as My servant David who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what *was* right in My eyes. <sup>9</sup>But you have done evil above all who were before you, for you have gone and made yourself other gods, and molded images, to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back; <sup>10</sup>therefore, behold, I will bring evil on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam everyone who urinates against the wall, and everyone who is shut

up and left in Israel, and will sweep away the rest of the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweeps away the dung, until it is all gone. <sup>11</sup>Those of Jeroboam who die in the city, the dogs shall eat. And those who die in the field, the fowls of the air shall eat. For the LORD has spoken. <sup>12</sup>And arise, get down to your own house. When your feet enter into the city, the boy shall die. <sup>13</sup>And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him. For he only of Jeroboam shall come down to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD shall raise up a king over Israel for Himself, a king who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day. And what? Even now! <sup>15</sup>For the LORD shall strike Israel as the reed waves in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. <sup>16</sup>And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel to sin. <sup>17</sup>And Jeroboam's wife arose, and left, and came to Tirzah. When she came to the doorsill the boy died. <sup>18</sup>And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet. <sup>19</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred and how he reigned, behold, *they* are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel. <sup>20</sup>And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years. And he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

<sup>21</sup>And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess. <sup>22</sup>And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. <sup>23</sup>For they also built high places for themselves, and images, and groves, on every high hill and under every green tree. <sup>24</sup>And also the sodomite *was* in the land. They did according to all the hateful things of the nations which the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt, he came up against Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup>And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all away. And he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. <sup>27</sup>And king Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. <sup>28</sup>And it happened when the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard carried them and brought them back into the guard chamber. <sup>29</sup>And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>30</sup>And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. <sup>31</sup>And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess. And his son Abijam reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah. <sup>2</sup>He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. <sup>3</sup>And he walked in all the sins of his father which he had done before him. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. <sup>4</sup>But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem, <sup>5</sup>*because* David did *what was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and did



not turn aside from *anything* that He commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. <sup>6</sup>And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. <sup>7</sup>And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. <sup>8</sup>And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place.

<sup>9</sup>And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa reigned over Judah. <sup>10</sup>And he reigned in Jerusalem forty-one years. And his *grandmother's* name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. <sup>11</sup>And Asa did *what was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as David his father did. <sup>12</sup>And *he* took away the sodomites out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. <sup>13</sup>And also he even removed his *grandmother* Maachah from *being* queen because she had made an idol in a grove. And Asa destroyed her idol and burned *it* by the brook Kidron. <sup>14</sup>But the high places were not removed. But Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. <sup>15</sup>And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver and gold and vessels. <sup>16</sup>And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. <sup>17</sup>And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built Ramah, so that he might not allow any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. <sup>18</sup>And Asa took all the silver and the gold left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, <sup>19</sup>*There is* a treaty between you and me, between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he may depart from me. <sup>20</sup>And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the armies which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. <sup>21</sup>And it happened when Baasha heard, he left off building Ramah and lived in Tirzah. <sup>22</sup>And king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah. None was free from it. And they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built. And king Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah with them. <sup>23</sup>The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. <sup>24</sup>And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his place.

<sup>25</sup>And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. <sup>26</sup>And *he* did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin. <sup>27</sup>And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *was* to the Philistines. For Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. <sup>28</sup>And in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed him and reigned in his place. <sup>29</sup>And it happened when he reigned, he struck all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the man of Shiloh, <sup>30</sup>because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger. <sup>31</sup>And the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>32</sup>And there was war between

Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. <sup>33</sup>In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-four years. <sup>34</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, <sup>2</sup>Since I exalted you out of the dust, and made you ruler over My people Israel, and since you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins, <sup>3</sup>behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house. And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. <sup>4</sup>Those of Baasha who die in the city shall the dogs eat. And those of his who die in the fields, the birds of the air shall eat. <sup>5</sup>And the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>6</sup>And Baasha lay with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his son reigned in his place.

<sup>7</sup>And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him. <sup>8</sup>In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and he reigned two years. <sup>9</sup>And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, plotted against him, as he *was* in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza the steward of *his* house in Tirzah. <sup>10</sup>And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. <sup>11</sup>And it happened when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, he killed all the house of Baasha. He did not leave him one who urinated against a wall, nor of his kinsmen, nor of his friends. <sup>12</sup>And Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, <sup>13</sup>for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. <sup>14</sup>And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

<sup>15</sup>In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* camped against Gibbethon which *was* to the Philistines. <sup>16</sup>And the people that *were* camped heard it said that Zimri had plotted and had also slain the king. And all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. <sup>17</sup>And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they laid siege to Tirzah. <sup>18</sup>And it happened when Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the palace of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died, <sup>19</sup>for his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did to make Israel sin. <sup>20</sup>And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason which he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

<sup>21</sup>And the people of Israel were divided into two parts. Half the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king. And half followed Omri. <sup>22</sup>But the people who followed Omri won out over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri reigned.

<sup>23</sup>In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel. He reigned twelve years, six years in Tirzah. <sup>24</sup>And he bought the hill Samaria of

Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria.<sup>25</sup> And Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who *were* before him.<sup>26</sup> For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.<sup>27</sup> And the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>28</sup>And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.

<sup>29</sup>And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel. And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.<sup>30</sup> And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all who *were* before him.<sup>31</sup> And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he also took Jezebel, the daughter of Eth-baal king of the Sidonians, for a wife. And he went and served Baal, and worshiped him.<sup>32</sup> And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.<sup>33</sup> And Ahab made a grove. And Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.<sup>34</sup> In his days Hiel the man of Bethel built Jericho. He laid the foundation of it in Abiram his first-born, and set up the gates of it in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And Elijah the Tishbite, of the sojourners of Gilead, said to Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except according to my word.<sup>2</sup> And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, before Jordan.<sup>4</sup> And you shall drink of the brook. And I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.<sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. For he went and lived by the brook Cherith, before Jordan.<sup>6</sup> And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening.<sup>7</sup> And he drank of the brook. And it happened after a while, the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>Arise, go to Zarephath which *belongs* to Sidon, and live there. Behold, I have commanded a widow to keep you there.<sup>10</sup> And he arose and went to Zarephath, and came in to the entrance of the city, and, behold, the widow was gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, Please, bring me a little water in a vessel so that I may drink.<sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring *it*, he called to her and said, Please, bring me a piece of bread in your hand.<sup>12</sup> And she said, *As* the LORD your God lives, I do not have a cake, but only a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a jar. And behold, *I am* gathering two sticks, so that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, so that we may eat it and die.<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, Do not fear, go. Do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it, and bring it to me. And then make for you and for your son.<sup>14</sup> For so says the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not be emptied, nor shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.<sup>15</sup> And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah. And she and he and her house ate *many* days;<sup>16</sup> the barrel of meal was not consumed, and the jar of oil did not fail, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup>And it happened after these things the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick. And his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, What do I have to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance and to kill my son? <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom and carried him up into a loft, where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, have you also brought evil on the widow with whom I am staying, by slaying her son? <sup>21</sup>And he stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, please let this child's soul come to him again. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down out of the room into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, See! Your son lives! <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know this, that you *are* a man of God, *and that* the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.

### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And it happened *after* many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab. And I will send rain on the earth. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And *there was* a great famine in Samaria. <sup>3</sup>And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* over the house. And Obadiah feared the LORD greatly, <sup>4</sup>for when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water. <sup>5</sup>And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all the brooks. Perhaps we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, so that we do not lose all the animals. <sup>6</sup>And they divided the land between them to pass throughout it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

<sup>7</sup>And as Obadiah *was* in the way, behold, Elijah met him. And he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Are you my lord Elijah? <sup>8</sup>and he answered him, I *am*. Go, tell your lord, behold, Elijah is *here*. <sup>9</sup>And he said, What have I sinned that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me? <sup>10</sup>As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation nor kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they said, *He is not there*, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation that they did not find you. <sup>11</sup>And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is *here!* <sup>12</sup>And it will be as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD shall carry you where I know not. And when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have feared the LORD from my youth. <sup>13</sup>Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave and fed them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup>And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is *here!* And he will kill me! <sup>15</sup>And Elijah said, *As* the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.

<sup>16</sup>And Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup>And it happened when Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, *Are* you he that troubles Israel? <sup>18</sup>And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and you have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup>And now send *and* gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the groves, who eat at Jezebel's table. <sup>20</sup>And Ahab sent to all the sons of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup>And Elijah came to all the people and said, How long are you limping over two

opinions? If Jehovah *is* God, follow Him. But if Baal *is* God, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup>And Elijah said to the people, I, I alone, remain a prophet of Jehovah. But Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. <sup>23</sup>And let them give us two bulls, and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces and lay *it* on wood. But place no fire. And I will dress the other bull and lay *it* on wood, and place no fire. <sup>24</sup>And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Jehovah. And the god that answers by fire, let him *be* God. And all the people answered and said, *It is well spoken.*

<sup>25</sup>And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare first, for you *are* many. And call on the name of your gods, but place no fire. <sup>26</sup>And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped on the altar which was made. <sup>27</sup>And it happened at noon Elijah mocked them and said, Cry with a great voice, for he *is* a god. Either he is meditating, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey; perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened! <sup>28</sup>And they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves with knives and spears until the blood gushed out on them, as is their way. <sup>29</sup>And it happened when midday was past, and when they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the evening sacrifice, *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor anyone who paid attention.

<sup>30</sup>And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him. And he repaired the broken down altar of the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be your name. <sup>32</sup>And with stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench around the altar big enough to contain two measures of seed. <sup>33</sup>And he arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and placed *it* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water and pour on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood. <sup>34</sup>And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. <sup>35</sup>And the water ran all around the altar. And he filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup>And it happened at the *time* of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel, and that I *am* Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. <sup>37</sup>Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* Jehovah God, and that You have turned their heart back again. <sup>38</sup>And the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the burnt sacrifice and the wood, and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench. <sup>39</sup>And when all the people saw, they fell on their faces. And they said, Jehovah, He *is* the God! Jehovah, He *is* the God! <sup>40</sup>And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal. Do not let one of them escape. And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and killed them there.

<sup>41</sup>And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, because of the sound of plenty of rain. <sup>42</sup>So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel. And he threw himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup>And he said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, Nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. <sup>44</sup>And it happened at the seventh time, he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up and say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and go down, so that the rain does not stop you. <sup>45</sup>And it happened in the meantime the heaven was black *with* clouds and wind, and there was a great

rain. And Ahab rose and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup>And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah. And he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and with it all how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. <sup>3</sup>And when he saw, he rose and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba of Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>And he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree. And he begged for his life, that he might die. And he said, It is enough. O LORD, take away my life. For I *am* no better than my fathers. <sup>5</sup>And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him and said to him, Arise, eat. <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and, behold, a cake *was* baked on the coals, and a jug of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came to him the second time and touched him, and said, Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you. <sup>8</sup>And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

<sup>9</sup>And he came there to a cave and stayed there. And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, What *are* you *doing* here, Elijah? <sup>10</sup>And he said, I have been very zealous for Jehovah the God of Hosts. For the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and have slain Your prophets with the sword. And I, I alone, am left. And they seek to take my life away. <sup>11</sup>And He said, Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD. *But* the LORD *was* not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake was a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire. And after the fire was a still, small voice. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when Elijah heard, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah? <sup>14</sup>And he said, I have been very zealous for Jehovah, God of Hosts, because the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, have thrown down Your altars, and have slain Your prophets with the sword. And I, I alone, am left. And they seek to take my life away. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you come, anoint Hazeal *to be* king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi *to be* king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint *to be* prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And it will be, whoever escapes the sword of Hazeal, Jehu will kill. And whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I have left seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

<sup>19</sup>And he left there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he *was* with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, please, let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again, for what have I done to you? <sup>21</sup>And he turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. And he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together. And thirty-two kings *were* with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and laid siege to Samaria, and warred against it. <sup>2</sup>And *he* sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, and to the city, and said to him, Ben-hadad says this: <sup>3</sup>Your silver and your gold *is* mine, your wives also and your sons, the best are mine. <sup>4</sup>And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O King, according to your saying *I am* yours and all that I have. <sup>5</sup>And the messengers came again and said, Ben-hadad speaks in this way, saying, Although I have sent to you saying, You shall deliver me your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons, <sup>6</sup>yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And it shall be, whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they will put *it* in their hand and take *it* away. <sup>7</sup>And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, Please mark and see how this one seeks mischief. For he sent to me for my wives and for my sons, and for my silver and for my gold. And I did not keep them back from him. <sup>8</sup>And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen nor consent! <sup>9</sup>And he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I may not do. And the messengers left and brought him word again. <sup>10</sup>And Ben-hadad sent to him and said, May the gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall be enough for handfuls for all the people who follow me. <sup>11</sup>And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him who girds on boast himself like the one who loosens *his armor*.

<sup>12</sup>And it happened *he* heard this word, and he was drinking, he and the kings in the booths, he said to his servants, Set in order, and they set in order against the city. And they placed the engines against the city.

<sup>13</sup>And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel, saying, So says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today, and you shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, So says the LORD, By the young men of the rulers of the provinces. And he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You. <sup>15</sup>And he numbered the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two. And after them he numbered all the people, all the sons of Israel, seven thousand. <sup>16</sup>And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the booths, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him. <sup>17</sup>And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out first. And Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men coming out of Samaria. <sup>18</sup>And he said, If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive. <sup>19</sup>So these young men of the rulers of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. <sup>20</sup>And they each one killed his man. And the Syrians fled. And Israel pursued them. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen. <sup>21</sup>And the king of Israel went out and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

<sup>22</sup>And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and watch and see what you do. For at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you. <sup>23</sup>And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills. On account of this they were stronger than we were. But let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. <sup>24</sup>And do this thing, take the kings away, each man out of his place, and put captains in their places, <sup>25</sup>and number an army like the army that you have

lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. And we will fight against them in the plain. *Are we not stronger than they?* And he listened to their voice and did so. <sup>26</sup>And it happened at the return of the year Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians that went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them. And the sons of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids. And the Syrians filled the country. <sup>28</sup>And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, So says the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, *Jehovah is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.* <sup>29</sup>And they pitched over against one another seven days. And it happened in the seventh day, and the battle came up. And the sons of Israel killed a hundred thousand footmen of the Syrians in one day. <sup>30</sup>But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city. And there a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of the remaining men. And Ben-hadad fled and came into the city, into an inner room. <sup>31</sup>And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are merciful kings.* Please let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will save your life. <sup>32</sup>And they bound sackcloth on their loins and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, Your servant Ben-hadad says, Please let me live. And he said, *Is he still alive? He is my brother.* <sup>33</sup>And the men carefully observed, and quickly caught *it* from him, and said, And they said, Your brother Ben-hadad. And he said, Go and bring him. And Ben-hadad came out to him, and he caused him to come up into the chariot. <sup>34</sup>And *Ben-hadad* said to him, The cities which my father took from your father, I will restore. And you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And *Ahab* said, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him and sent him away.

<sup>35</sup>And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, By the word of the LORD, please strike me! And the man refused to strike him. <sup>36</sup>And he said to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he had departed from him, a lion found him and killed him. <sup>37</sup>And he found another man and said, Please strike me. And the man struck him, so that he wounded *him* in striking him. <sup>38</sup>And the prophet went and waited for the king by the wayside, and disguised himself with ashes on his face. <sup>39</sup>And as the king passed by, it happened he cried to the king. And he said, Your servant went out into the middle of the battle, and, behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, Keep this man. If he is missing by any means, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver. <sup>40</sup>And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone! And the king of Israel said to him, So *shall* your judgment *be*; you yourself have decided *it*. <sup>41</sup>And he hurried and took the ashes away from his face. And the king of Israel saw that he *was* one of the prophets. <sup>42</sup>And he said to him, So says the LORD, Because you have let go out of *your* hand a man whom I marked out for utter destruction, therefore your life shall be for his life, and your people for his people. <sup>43</sup>And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after these things, Naboth of Jezreel had a vineyard in Jezreel, near the place of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard so that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because *it is* near my house. And I will give you a better vineyard than it. *Or, if it seems*



good to you, I will give you the worth of it in money. <sup>3</sup>And Naboth said to Ahab, Far be it from me, by Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you. <sup>4</sup>And Ahab came to his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him. For he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay on his bed and turned away his face, and would not eat food. <sup>5</sup>And his wife Jezebel came to him and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad that you are not eating food? <sup>6</sup>And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth of Jezreel and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money. Or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it. And he answered, I will not give you my vineyard. <sup>7</sup>And his wife Jezebel said to him, Do you now rule over Israel? Rise up, eat food, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel. <sup>8</sup>And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles in his city, dwelling with Naboth. <sup>9</sup>And she wrote in the letter, saying, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth on high among the people. <sup>10</sup>And set two men, sons of Belial, before him to bear witness against him, saying, You blasphemed God and the king. And carry him out and stone him so that he may die. <sup>11</sup>And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. <sup>12</sup>They proclaimed a fast and set Naboth on high among the people. <sup>13</sup>And there came in two men, sons of Belial, and sat before him. And the men of Belial witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed God and the king. And they carried him out of the city and stoned him with stones so that he died. <sup>14</sup>And they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned and is dead.

<sup>15</sup>And it happened when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel, which he refused to give you for money. For Naboth is not alive, but dead. <sup>16</sup>And it happened when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel, to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>18</sup>Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel in Samaria. Behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to possess it. <sup>19</sup>And you shall speak to him, saying, So says the LORD, Have you killed and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him saying, So says the LORD, In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours. <sup>20</sup>And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found *you* because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>Behold, I will bring evil on you and will take away your sons forever, and will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against the wall, and everyone who is shut up and left in Israel. <sup>22</sup>And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and made Israel to sin. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD also spoke of Jezebel saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. <sup>24</sup>He who dies of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat. And he who dies in the field, the birds of the air shall eat. <sup>25</sup>But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. <sup>26</sup>And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel. <sup>27</sup>And it happened when Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth and walked softly. <sup>28</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>29</sup>Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbles

himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days. But in his son's days I will bring the evil on his house.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And they continued three years; there was no war between Syria and Israel. <sup>2</sup>And it happened in the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to see the king of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And the king of Israel said to his servants, Do you not know that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *are* quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria? <sup>4</sup>And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle *to* Ramoth in Gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as you; my people as your people, my horses as your horses. <sup>5</sup>And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please inquire at the word of the LORD today. <sup>6</sup>And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall I hold back? And they said, Go up! For the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. <sup>7</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might inquire of Him? <sup>8</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of Jehovah. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. <sup>9</sup>And the king of Israel called an officer and said, Hurry and bring Micaiah the son of Imlah *here*.

<sup>10</sup>And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each sat on his throne, having put on their robes, in a floor in the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets prophesied before them. <sup>11</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself. And he said, So says Jehovah, With these you shall push the Syrians until you have crushed them. <sup>12</sup>And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up *to* Ramoth in Gilead and prosper, for the LORD shall *deliver it* into the king's hands. <sup>13</sup>And the messenger that had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *are* good to the king with one mouth. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak good. <sup>14</sup>And Micaiah said, *As the LORD lives*, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak.

<sup>15</sup>So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, Shall we go against Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall we hold off? And he answered him, Go and prosper. For the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. <sup>16</sup>And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but *what is true*, in the name of Jehovah? <sup>17</sup>And he said, I saw all Israel scattered on the hills, like sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master. Let each man return to his house in peace. <sup>18</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? <sup>19</sup>And he said, Hear therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab that he may go up and fall at Ramoth in Gilead? And one said this way, and another said that way. <sup>21</sup>And there came forth a spirit and stood before the LORD and said, I will deceive him. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to him, With what? And he said, I will go forth and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall persuade *him* and succeed also. Go forth and do so. <sup>23</sup>And now, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the LORD has spoken evil concerning you. <sup>24</sup>But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did

the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you? <sup>25</sup>And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself. <sup>26</sup>And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son, <sup>27</sup>and say, so says the king, Put this one in the prison and feed him with bread of affliction and the water of affliction, until I come in peace. <sup>28</sup>And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, O people, all of them!

<sup>29</sup>And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth in Gilead. <sup>30</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *I will disguise myself and enter into the battle. But you put on your robes.* And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle. <sup>31</sup>But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who had rule over his chariots, saying, Do not fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. <sup>32</sup>And it happened when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him. And Jehoshaphat cried out. <sup>33</sup>And it happened when the captains of the chariots saw that it *was* not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. <sup>34</sup>And a man drew a bow in his simplicity and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness. And he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand and carry me out of the army, for I am wounded. <sup>35</sup>And the battle increased that day. And the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at evening. And the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. <sup>36</sup>And there went a cry throughout the army around the going *down* of the sun, saying, Each to his city, and each to his land. <sup>37</sup>And the king died and came *to* Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. <sup>38</sup>And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and they washed his armor, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke.

<sup>39</sup>And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>40</sup>And Ahab lay with his fathers. And his son Ahaziah reigned in his place.

<sup>41</sup>And Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. <sup>42</sup>Jehoshaphat *was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign. And he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. <sup>43</sup>And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father. He did not turn aside from it, doing right in the eyes of the LORD. But the high places were not taken away, *for* the people offered and burned incense yet in the high places. <sup>44</sup>And Jehoshaphat made peace with the kings of Israel. <sup>45</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might which he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>46</sup>And the rest of the sodomites which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land. <sup>47</sup>*There was* then no king in Edom, a deputy *was* king. <sup>48</sup>Jehoshaphat *made* ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold. But they did not go, *for* the ships were broken at Ezion-geber. <sup>49</sup>And Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. <sup>50</sup>And Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Jehoram reigned in his place.

<sup>51</sup>Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. And he reigned two years over Israel. <sup>52</sup>And *he* did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>53</sup>For he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

# THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. <sup>2</sup>And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper room in Samaria, and was sick. And *he* sent messengers and said to them, Go, ask of Baal-zebul the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. <sup>3</sup>But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise! Go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, *Is it* not because no God *is* in Israel *that* you go to ask of Baal-zebul the god of Ekron? <sup>4</sup>And therefore so says the LORD, You shall not come from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah left.

<sup>5</sup>And the messengers turned back to him. And he said, Why have you now turned back? <sup>6</sup>And they said to him, A man came up to meet us and said to us, Go, turn again to the king who sent you, and say to him, So says the LORD, *Is it* not because no God *is* in Israel *that* you go to ask of Baal-zebul the god of Ekron? Therefore, you shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. <sup>7</sup>And he said to them, What kind of man *was he* who came up to meet you and told you these words? <sup>8</sup>And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man and was bound with a girdle of leather around his loins. And he said, *He is* Elijah the Tishbite. <sup>9</sup>And *he* sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him. And, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, Man of God! The king has said, Come down. <sup>10</sup>And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *am* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and burn up you and your fifty. And there came down fire from heaven and burned up him and his fifty. <sup>11</sup>And he turned and he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, Man of God! So says the king, Come down quickly. <sup>12</sup>And Elijah answered and said to him, If I *am* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and burn up you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven and burned up him and his fifty. <sup>13</sup>And he turned and sent again a third captain of fifty and his fifty. And the third captain of fifty came up and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, Man of God, Please let my life and the life of these fifty, your servants, be precious in your sight. <sup>14</sup>Behold, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties. And now let my life be precious in your sight. <sup>15</sup>And the Angel of the LORD said to Elijah, Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him. And he arose and went down with him to the king. <sup>16</sup>And *he* said to him, So says the LORD, Because you have sent messengers to ask of Baal-zebul the god of Ekron, *is it* not because no God *is* in Israel to seek His word? Therefore you shall not come down off that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. <sup>17</sup>And he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because he had no son. <sup>18</sup>And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when the LORD desired to take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah said to Elisha, Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said, *As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from your head

today? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah said to him, Elisha, please stay here. For the LORD has sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.* So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of the prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, Do you know that the LORD will take your master away from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know. Keep silent. <sup>6</sup>And Elijah said to him, Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.* And the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went on and stood across *from them*. And both them stood by the Jordan afar off. <sup>8</sup>And Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the waters. And they were divided here and there, so that both of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>And it happened when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha. Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me. <sup>10</sup>And he said, You have asked a hard thing, but if you see me taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be. <sup>11</sup>And it happened as they went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire *came*, and they separated between them both. And Elijah went up in a tempest into Heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He also took up the mantle of Elijah which had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan. <sup>14</sup>And he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? And when he also hit the waters, they parted here and there. And Elisha went over. <sup>15</sup>And when the sons of the prophets across in Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha! And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup>And *they* said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send. <sup>17</sup>And they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send. And they sent fifty men. And they looked for three days, but did not find him. <sup>18</sup>And they returned to him, And he was staying in Jericho. And he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?

<sup>19</sup>And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, please, the location of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord sees. But the water *is* bad, and the ground is barren. <sup>20</sup>And he said, Bring me a new jar and put salt in it. And they brought to him. <sup>21</sup>And he went forth to the spring of the waters and threw the salt in there, and said, So says the LORD, I have healed these waters. There shall not be any more death or barrenness from there. <sup>22</sup>And the waters were healed to this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

<sup>23</sup>And he went up from there to Bethel. And he was going up in the highway. And little boys came out from the city and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, bald head! Go up, bald head! <sup>24</sup>And he turned behind him and saw them, and declared them vile in the name of the LORD. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two boys of them. <sup>25</sup>And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. <sup>2</sup>And *he* did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and his mother; for he

put away the image of Baal that his father had made. <sup>3</sup>But he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He did not depart from them.

<sup>4</sup>And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams *with* the wool. <sup>5</sup>And it happened when Ahab was dead, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at the same time and numbered all Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up. I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, my horses as your horses. <sup>8</sup>And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. <sup>9</sup>And the king of Israel and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom went. And they went around behind for seven days' journey. And there was no water for the army, and for the cattle that followed them. <sup>10</sup>And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab! <sup>11</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophct of the LORD, that we may ask of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. <sup>12</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him. <sup>13</sup>And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What do I have to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No, for the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. <sup>14</sup>And Elisha said, *As* the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely if it were not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you nor see you. <sup>15</sup>And now bring me a minstrel. And it happened when the minstrel played, the hand of the LORD came on him. <sup>16</sup>And he said, So says the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. <sup>17</sup>For so says the LORD, You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain. Still that valley shall be filled *with* water, so that you may drink, both you and your cattle, and your animals. <sup>18</sup>And this is a light thing in the sight of the LORD. He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. <sup>19</sup>And you shall strike every fenced city, and every choice city. And you shall cut down every good tree and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. <sup>20</sup>And it happened in the morning when the food offering was offered, behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

<sup>21</sup>And all the Moab had heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were *able* to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border. <sup>22</sup>And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side red like blood. <sup>23</sup>And they said, This *is* blood. The kings are surely slain, and they have stricken one another. And now, Moab, to the spoil! <sup>24</sup>And they came to the camp of Israel, and the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them. But they entered it and struck Moab. <sup>25</sup>And they beat down the cities, and each man cast his stone on every good piece *of land*, and filled it. And they stopped all the wells of water, and cut down all the good trees. *Only* in Kir-haraseth did they leave the stones of it. But the slingers surrounded it and struck it. <sup>26</sup>And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too strong for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, in order to break through to the king of Edom. And they could not. <sup>27</sup>And he took his oldest son, who would have reigned in his place, and offered him *for* a burnt offering on the wall. And there was great anger against Israel. And they left him, and returned to the land.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead. And you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the lender has come to take my two children to himself for slaves. <sup>2</sup>And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has not a thing in the house except a pot of oil. <sup>3</sup>And he said, Go, borrow vessels for yourself from outside, from your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not let *them* be few. <sup>4</sup>And you shall go in and shut the door on you and your sons. And you shall pour out into all those vessels. And you shall set aside the full ones. <sup>5</sup>And she went from him and shut the door on her and on her sons. They brought to her, and she poured out. <sup>6</sup>And it happened when the vessels were full, she said to her son, Bring me another vessel. And he said to her, *There is* not a vessel left. And the oil stopped. <sup>7</sup>And she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons shall live from the rest.

<sup>8</sup>And the day came when Elisha passed over to Shunem. And a great woman *was* there. And she laid hold on him to eat bread. And it happened, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread. <sup>9</sup>And she said to her husband, Behold now, I see that this *is* a holy man of God who passes by us continually. <sup>10</sup>Please, let us make a little room on the wall. And let us set a bed for him there, and a table, and a stool, and a lampstand. And when he comes to us, he shall turn in there. <sup>11</sup>And the day came when he came in there, and he turned into the room and lay there. <sup>12</sup>And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she stood before him. <sup>13</sup>And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have been thoughtful for us with all this care. What *is* to be done for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I dwell among my own people. <sup>14</sup>And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly, she has no child, and her husband *is* old. <sup>15</sup>And he said, Call her! And he called her, and she stood in the door. <sup>16</sup>And he said, At this time, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, O man of God, do not lie to your handmaid. <sup>17</sup>And the woman conceived and bore a son at that time that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

<sup>18</sup>And the boy grew, and the day came that he went out to his father to the reapers. <sup>19</sup>And he said to his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. <sup>20</sup>And he carried him and brought him to his mother And he sat on her knees until noon and died. <sup>21</sup>And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* on him and went out. <sup>22</sup>And *she* called to her husband and said, Please send me one of the young men and one of the asses so that I may run to the man of God and come again. <sup>23</sup>And he said, Why will you go to him today? *It is* neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, *It is* well. <sup>24</sup>And she saddled an ass and said to her servant, Drive and go forward! Do not hold back your riding for me unless I tell you. <sup>25</sup>And she went and came to the man of God, to mount Carmel. And it happened when the man of God saw her afar off, he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, the Shunammite. <sup>26</sup>Please run now to meet her, and say to her, *Is it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the boy? And she answered, Well! <sup>27</sup>And she came to the man of God to the hill, and she caught him by the feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul *is* troubled within her. And the LORD has hidden *it* from me and has not told me. <sup>28</sup>And she said, Did I desire a son from my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

<sup>29</sup>Then he said to Gehazi, Bind up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet any man, do not greet him. And if any greet you, do not answer

him again. And lay my staff on the face of the child. <sup>30</sup>And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose and followed her. <sup>31</sup>And Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the face of the child. But there *was* no voice nor hearing. And he turned back to meet him and told him, saying, The boy has not awakened. <sup>32</sup>And Elisha had come to the house. And behold, the boy was dead, and lay on his bed. <sup>33</sup>And he went in and shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup>And he went up and lay on the boy, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And he stretched himself on the boy. And the flesh of the boy became warm. <sup>35</sup>And he returned and walked in the house to and fro. And *he* went up and stretched himself on him. And the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy opened his eyes. <sup>36</sup>And he called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she came in to him. And he said, Take up your son! <sup>37</sup>And she went in and fell at his feet and bowed to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

<sup>38</sup>And Elisha came again to Gilgal. And *there was* a famine in the land. And the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him. And he said to his servant, Set on the great pot and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets. <sup>39</sup>And one went out into the field to gather herbs. And he found a vine of the field, and gathered gourds from it in the field. And *with* the lap of his garment full, *he* came in and shredded *them* into the pot of pottage. For they did not know *them*. <sup>40</sup>And they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened as they were eating of the pottage, they cried out and said, O man of God, death *is* in the pot! And they could not eat. <sup>41</sup>And he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot. And he said, Pour out for the people, and they may eat. And there was no evil thing in the pot.

<sup>42</sup>And a man came from Baal-shalisha and brought the man of God bread from the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley and full ears of grain in its husk. And he said, Give to the people that they may eat. <sup>43</sup>And his servant said, What? Should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give to the people so that they may eat, for so says the LORD, They shall eat and shall leave *some*. <sup>44</sup>And he set before them, and they ate, and left *some* of it, according to the word of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master. And he was in high favor because the LORD had given deliverance to Syria by him. He was also a mighty man, *but* a leper. <sup>2</sup>And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away a little girl as a captive out of the land of Israel. And she waited on Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>And she said to her mistress, I wish my lord *were* with the prophet in Samaria! For he would recover him from his leprosy. <sup>4</sup>And *one* went in and told his lord, saying, This and this said the girl from the land of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, Go, go in and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand of gold, and ten changes of clothing. <sup>6</sup>And he came in *with* the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter has come to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you. And you shall recover him of his leprosy. <sup>7</sup>And it happened when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this *man* sends to me to recover a man from his leprosy? For consider now, and see, for he is coiling himself toward me.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? Let him now come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. <sup>9</sup>And



Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come to you, and you shall be clean. <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry, and went away. And he said, Behold, I said within myself, He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? And he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>And his servants came near and spoke to him and said, My father, if the prophet had told you to do a great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you, Wash and be clean? <sup>14</sup>And he went down and dipped seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God. And his flesh came again like the flesh of a little boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company. And he came and stood before him. And he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel. And now please take a blessing from your servant. <sup>16</sup>But he said, As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it, but he refused. <sup>17</sup>And Naaman said, Please shall there not then be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth? For your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to Jehovah. <sup>18</sup>In this thing may Jehovah pardon your servant, that when my master goes to the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he is supported by my hand, and I bow myself *in* the house of Rimmon; when I bow myself *in* the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah pardon your servant in this thing. <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, Go in peace. And he went away from him a little way.

<sup>20</sup>And Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hand that which he brought. But, as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him. <sup>21</sup>And Gehazi followed after Naaman. And Naaman saw *him* running after him, and descended down from the chariot to meet him. And he said, *Is all well?* <sup>22</sup>And he said, *All is well.* My master has sent me, saying, Behold, this now, two young men from mount Ephraim of the sons of the prophets have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing. <sup>23</sup>And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing. And he laid *them* on two of his servants. And they carried *them* before him. <sup>24</sup>And he came to the hill, and he took from their hand and stowed *them* in the house. And he let the men go, and they departed. <sup>25</sup>And he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant did not go here or there. <sup>26</sup>And he said to him, Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? *Is it* a time to receive money and to receive clothing and oliveyards and vineyards and sheep and oxen and menservants and maidservants? <sup>27</sup>And the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence as leprous as snow.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we live with you *is* too small for us. <sup>2</sup>Please let us go to Jordan. And let each man take a beam from there. And let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go. <sup>3</sup>And one said, Be content, please, and go with your servants. And he answered them, I will go. <sup>4</sup>And he went with them. And they came to Jordan, and they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>And it happened as one was felling a

log, the axe-head fell into the water. And he cried and said, Alas, master! For it was borrowed. <sup>6</sup>And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick and threw *it* in there. And the iron swam. <sup>7</sup>And he said, take *it* up to you. And he put out his hand and took it.

<sup>8</sup>And the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp. <sup>9</sup>And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you do not pass such a place, for the Syrians have come down there. <sup>10</sup>And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man of God told him and warned him, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. <sup>11</sup>And the heart of the king of Syria was enraged for this thing. And he called his servants and said to them, Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? <sup>12</sup>And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king, but Elisha the prophet, who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom. <sup>13</sup>And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, so that I may send and bring him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. <sup>14</sup>And he sent there horses and chariots and a great army. And they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>And the servant of the man of God arose early and went out. And, behold, an army surrounded the city, and horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do? <sup>16</sup>And he answered, Do not fear, for those with us *are* more than those with them. <sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed and said, I pray You, LORD, open his eyes so that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. <sup>18</sup>And they came down to it, and Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, I pray You, strike this people with blindness. And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

<sup>19</sup>And Elisha said to them, This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. But he led them to Samaria. <sup>20</sup>And it happened when they came into Samaria, Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men so that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw. And behold, *they were* in the middle of Samaria. <sup>21</sup>And when he saw them, the king of Israel said to Elisha, My father, shall I strike *them*? Shall I strike *them*? <sup>22</sup>And he answered, You shall not strike *them*. Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them so that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. <sup>23</sup>And he prepared a great feast for them. And when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>And it happened after this Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and lay siege to Samaria. <sup>25</sup>And there was a great famine in Samaria. And, behold, they besieged it until an ass's head was *sold* for eighty *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver. <sup>26</sup>And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king! <sup>27</sup>And he said, if the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? Out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press? <sup>28</sup>And the king said to her, What *ails* you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow. <sup>29</sup>And we boiled my son and ate him. And I said to her on the other day, Give your son so that we may eat him. And she has hidden her son. <sup>30</sup>And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes. And he passed by on the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth inside on his flesh. <sup>31</sup>And he said, May God do so, and more also, to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

<sup>32</sup>But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him. And he sent a man from before him. But before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? <sup>33</sup>While he still talked with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. And he said, Behold, this evil is from the LORD. Why should I wait for the LORD any longer?

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And Elisha said, Hear the word of the LORD! So says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour *will be sold* at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>And the third officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, then this thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

<sup>3</sup>And four men, lepers, were at gate entrance. And they said to one another, Why do we sit here until we die? <sup>4</sup>If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we still sit here, we also shall die. And now come and let us fall to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we shall live. And if they kill us, we shall only die. <sup>5</sup>And they rose up in the twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. And when they had come to the outermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, no man was there! <sup>6</sup>For the LORD had made the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots and a noise of horses, the noise of a great army. And they said to one another, Lo, the king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians against us, to come on us. <sup>7</sup>And they arose and fled in the twilight and left their tents and their horses and their asses, the camp, as it *was*, and fled for their life. <sup>8</sup>And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried silver and gold and clothing from there, and went and hid it. And they came again and entered into another tent and carried from there, and went and hid it. <sup>9</sup>And they said to one another, We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we hold our peace. If we stay until the morning light, some punishment will come on us. And now come, so that we may go and tell the king's household. <sup>10</sup>And they came and called to the porter of the city. And they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, no man *was* there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*. <sup>11</sup>And he called the porters. And they told it to the king's house inside.

<sup>12</sup>And the king arose in the night and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry, and they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive and get into the city. <sup>13</sup>And one of his servants answered and said, Please let *some* take five of the horses which remain, which are left in the city — behold, they *are* like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it — behold, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed. And we will send and see. <sup>14</sup>And they took two chariots *with* horses. And the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. <sup>15</sup>And they went after them to Jordan. And, lo, all the way *was* full of clothing and vessels which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king. <sup>16</sup>And the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. And it happened, a measure of fine flour *was sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>And the king appointed the third officer over the gate, *the one* on whose hand he had leaned. And the people trampled on him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. <sup>18</sup>And it happened according to the saying of the man of God to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel: *This shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria.* <sup>19</sup>And the third officer answered the man of God and said, Behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, then such a thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it. <sup>20</sup>And it happened to him, for the people trampled on him in the gate, and he died.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise and go, you and your household, and live wherever you can live. For the LORD has called for a famine. And it shall also come on the land seven years. <sup>2</sup>And the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God *was*. And she went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years. <sup>3</sup>And it happened at the end of seven years, the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines. And she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. <sup>4</sup>And the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Please tell me all the great things which Elisha has done. <sup>5</sup>And it happened as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life cried to the king for the house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O, king, *this is* the woman, and *this is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life. <sup>6</sup>And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day when she left the land, even until now.

<sup>7</sup>And Elisha came to Damascus. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick. And they told him, saying, The man of God has come here. <sup>8</sup>And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and ask of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? <sup>9</sup>And Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your servant Ben-hadad, king of Syria, has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover from this disease? <sup>10</sup>And Elisha said to him, Go and say to him, You shall certainly recover. But the LORD has shown me that he shall surely die. <sup>11</sup>And he settled his face steadfastly until he was ashamed. And the man of God wept. <sup>12</sup>And Hazael said, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child. <sup>13</sup>And Hazael said, What, *is* your servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD has shown me that you *shall be* king over Syria. <sup>14</sup>And he departed from Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me you would surely recover. <sup>15</sup>And it happened on the next day he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face so that he died. And Hazael reigned in his place.

<sup>16</sup>And in the fifth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. <sup>17</sup>And he was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. <sup>18</sup>And he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as

the house of Ahab did; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>19</sup>Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David His servant's sake, as He promised him to give him a light to his sons forever <sup>20</sup>In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. <sup>21</sup>And Jehoram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him. And he rose *by night* and struck the Edomites who were all around him, and the captains of the chariots. And the people fled into their tents. <sup>22</sup>Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. <sup>23</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matter of the Days of the kings of Judah? <sup>24</sup>And Jehoram slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

<sup>25</sup>In the twelfth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign. <sup>26</sup>Ahaziah *was* twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. <sup>27</sup>And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as the house of Ahab. <sup>28</sup>For he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. And he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth of Gilead. And the Syrians wounded Jehoram. <sup>29</sup>And king Jehoram went back to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds which the Syrians had given him in Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Bind up your loins and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth in Gilead. <sup>2</sup>And you shall go there, and you shall see there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. And you shall go in and make him rise up from among his brothers, and take him *to* an inner room. <sup>3</sup>And take the box of oil and pour it on his head, and say, So says the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel. And you shall open the door, and flee, and shall not wait. <sup>4</sup>And the young man went, the servant of the prophet, *to* Ramoth in Gilead. <sup>5</sup>And *he* came in, and, behold, the captains of the army *were* sitting. And he said, I have an errand to you, captain. And Jehu said, To which of all of us? And he said, To you, captain. <sup>6</sup>And he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head and said to him, So says Jehovah God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. <sup>7</sup>And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD at the hand of Jezebel. <sup>8</sup>For the whole house of Ahab shall perish. And I will cut off from Ahab everyone that urinates against the wall, and everyone that is shut up and left in Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Abijah. <sup>10</sup>And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in a part of Jezreel, and none *shall be* there to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

<sup>11</sup>And Jehu went out to the servants of his lord. And *one* said to him, Well? Why did this mad man come to you? And he said to them, You know the man and what he had to say. <sup>12</sup>And they said, *It is false*. Tell us now! And he said, This and this he spoke to me, saying, So says the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel. <sup>13</sup>And they hurried and each man took his garment and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king. <sup>14</sup>And Jehu

the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi plotted against Jehoram. And Jehoram was keeping *watch* at Ramoth in Gilead, he and all Israel before Hazael king of Syria. <sup>15</sup>And king Jehoram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him when he fought with Hazael the king of Syria. And Jehu said, If it is your minds, then let no one go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu rode in the chariot and went to Jezreel. For Jehoram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Jehoram.

<sup>17</sup>And a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel. And *he* saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Jehoram said, Take a horseman and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it peace?* <sup>18</sup>And the rider on horseback went to meet him and said, So says the king, *Is it peace?* And Jehu said, What do you *have to do* with peace? Turn behind me! And the watchman reported, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not come again. <sup>19</sup>And he sent a second rider on horseback, who came to them and said, So says the king, *Is it peace?* And he answered, What do you *have to do* with peace? Turn behind me! <sup>20</sup>And the watchman reported, saying, He came up to them, but does not come again. And the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously. <sup>21</sup>And Jehoram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Jehoram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his own chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth of Jezreel. <sup>22</sup>And it happened when Jehoram saw Jehu, he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are* so many? <sup>23</sup>And Jehoram turned his hands and fled and said to Ahaziah, Treachery, Ahaziah! <sup>24</sup>And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength and struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot. <sup>25</sup>And *he* said to Bidkar his captain, Take him up and throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth of Jezreel. For, remember, you and I rode together after Ahab his father, and the LORD laid this burden on him. <sup>26</sup>Surely, yesterday I have seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons, says the LORD, and I will repay you in this portion, says the LORD. And now, take *him* and throw him into the portion, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>And when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him and said, Strike him also in the chariot! *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, that *is* Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. <sup>28</sup>And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David. <sup>29</sup>And in the eleventh year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

<sup>30</sup>And Jehu had come to Jezreel. And Jezebel heard, and had painted her face and adorned her head, and looked out at a window. <sup>31</sup>And Jehu came to the gate. And she said, *Was it peace* to Zimri the slayer of his lord? <sup>32</sup>And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, *Who is on my side? Who?* And two *or* three eunuchs looked out at him. <sup>33</sup>And he said, Throw her down! And they threw her down. And *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses. And he trampled her under foot. <sup>34</sup>And when he had come in, he ate and drank, and said, Go, now see this cursed *woman* and bury her. For she *is* a king's daughter. <sup>35</sup>And they went to bury her, but they found *no more* of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. <sup>36</sup>And they came again and told him. And he said, *This is* the word of the LORD which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel. <sup>37</sup>And the dead body of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, *This is* Jezebel.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent to Samaria to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to the supporters of Ahab, saying, <sup>2</sup>And now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons *are* with you, and with you *are* chariots and horses, also a fenced city and armor, <sup>3</sup>even look for the best and fittest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. <sup>4</sup>And they were exceedingly afraid and said, Behold, two kings did not stand before him; how then shall we stand? <sup>5</sup>And he who *was* over the house, and he over the city, the elders also, and the guardians, sent to Jehu saying, We *are* your servants and will do all that you shall say to us; we will not make any king. Do what *is* good in your eyes. <sup>6</sup>And he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you *are* mine, and will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men who are your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by this time tomorrow. And the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city who brought them up. <sup>7</sup>And it happened when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets and sent to him in Jezreel.

<sup>8</sup>And a messenger came and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. <sup>9</sup>And it happened in the morning, he went out and stood, and said to all the people, You *are* righteous. Behold, I plotted against my master and killed him. But who killed all these? <sup>10</sup>Now know that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab. For the LORD has done that which He spoke by His servant Elijah. <sup>11</sup>And Jehu killed all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

<sup>12</sup>And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. He *was at* the shepherds' shearing-house in the way, <sup>13</sup>And Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* you? And they answered, The brothers of Ahaziah. And we are going down to greet the king's sons and the queen's sons. <sup>14</sup>And he said, Take them alive! And they took them alive and killed them at the pit of the shearing-house, forty-two men. And he left not a man of them. <sup>15</sup>And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him. And he greeted him and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart *is* with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand. And he took him up to him into the chariot. <sup>16</sup>And *he* said, Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD. And they made him ride in his chariot. <sup>17</sup>And when he came to Samaria, he killed all that remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD which he spoke to Elijah.

<sup>18</sup>And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little, *but* Jehu shall serve him much. <sup>19</sup>And now call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants and all his priests. Let no one be lacking. For I have a great sacrifice to Baal. Whoever shall be lacking, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtlety, to the end that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal. <sup>20</sup>And Jehu said, Call a solemn feast for Baal. And they called *it*. <sup>21</sup>And Jehu sent through all Israel. And all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came into the house of Baal. And the house of Baal was full from one end to another. <sup>22</sup>And he said to him who *was* over the robe-room, Bring out robes for all the worshipers of Baal. And he brought them out. <sup>23</sup>And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal. And he said

to the worshipers of Baal, Search and look, that there may not be here with you any of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshipers of Baal. <sup>24</sup>And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu had appointed eighty men outside, and said, *If any* of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, his life *shall be* for the life of him. <sup>25</sup>And it happened when he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in *and* kill them! Do not let any come out! And they struck them with the edge of the sword. And the guard and the captains threw *them* out. And they went to the city, to the house of Baal. <sup>26</sup>And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal and burned them. <sup>27</sup>And *they* broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal and made it a sewer-house until this day. <sup>28</sup>And Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

<sup>29</sup>Only, Jehu did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, going after them, the golden calves in Bethel and in Dan. <sup>30</sup>And the LORD said to him, Jehu, because you have done well in doing the right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, your sons of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel. <sup>31</sup>But Jehu did not walk in the law of Jehovah God of Israel with all his heart, for he did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

<sup>32</sup>In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short. And Hazael struck them in all the border of Israel, <sup>33</sup>from Jordan toward the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead, the men of Gad and of Reuben and of Manasseh, from Aroer, by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. <sup>34</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Matter of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>35</sup>And Jehu slept with his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. <sup>36</sup>And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel and Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And Athaliah *was* the mother of Ahaziah. And when she saw that her son *was* dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed of the kingdom. <sup>2</sup>But Jehosheba the daughter of king Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* killed. And they hid him from Athaliah in the bedroom, him and his nurse, so that he was not killed. <sup>3</sup>And he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

<sup>4</sup>And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guards, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD. And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son. <sup>5</sup>And he commanded them, saying, *This is* the thing that you shall do. A third part of you who enter in on the sabbath *shall be* keepers of the watch of the king's house. <sup>6</sup>And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur. And a third part at the gate behind the guard. And you shall keep the watch of the house, alternately. <sup>7</sup>And two parts of you, all who go forth *on* the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD around the king. <sup>8</sup>And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. And he who comes inside the ranks, let him be killed. And they shall be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in. <sup>9</sup>And the rulers of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men, going in *on* the sabbath, with those going out *on* the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. <sup>10</sup>And the priest gave king David's spears and shields, which *were* in the temple of the LORD, to the rulers of the hundreds. <sup>11</sup>And the guard



stood, each man with his weapons in his hand, around the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, by the altar and the temple. <sup>12</sup>And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown on him. And he gave him the testimony. And they made him king and anointed him. And they clapped their hands and said, Let the king live!

<sup>13</sup>And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And she looked, and behold, the king stood by a pillar as usually was done, and the rulers and the trumpeters were by the king. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! Treason! <sup>15</sup>And Jehoiada the priest commanded the rulers of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, Take her out between the ranks, and let the one who follows her kill her with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way which the horses came into the king's house. And she was killed there.

<sup>17</sup>And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; also between the king and the people. <sup>18</sup>And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal and broke it down. They broke his altars and his images completely in pieces. And they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land. And they brought the king down from the house of the LORD and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. <sup>20</sup>And he sat on the throne of the kings. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And they killed Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house. <sup>21</sup>Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And in the seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign. And he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. <sup>2</sup>And Joash did the right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. <sup>3</sup>But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. <sup>4</sup>And Joash said to the priests, All the money from things dedicated to God, which is brought into the house of the LORD, the money from everyone who passes, the money from the persons for whom each man is taxed, all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring to the house of the LORD, <sup>5</sup>let the priests take it to themselves, each man from those he knows. And let them repair the breaks in the house, wherever any break shall be found. <sup>6</sup>And it happened in the twenty-third year of king Joash, the priests had not repaired the breaks of the house. <sup>7</sup>Then king Joash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said to them, Why are you not repairing the breaks of the house? And now take no money from those you know, but deliver it for the breaks of the house. <sup>8</sup>And the priests agreed to take no money from the people, nor to repair the breaks of the house. <sup>9</sup>But Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid. And he set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD. And the priests who kept the door put in it all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And it happened when they saw that much money was in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest came up. And they put it up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And they gave the money which was counted into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. They laid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked

on the house of the LORD, <sup>12</sup>and to masons and cutters of stone, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the breaks of the house of the LORD, and for all that went forth for the house, to repair it. <sup>13</sup>Only, there were no bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, or any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, made for the house of the LORD from the money which was brought into the house of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>For they gave it to the workmen, and repaired the house of the LORD with it. <sup>15</sup>And they did not make an accounting with the men into whose hands they delivered the money to be given to the workmen. For they dealt faithfully. <sup>16</sup>The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD. It was the priests'.

<sup>17</sup>Then Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it. And Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>18</sup>And Joash king of Judah took all the holy things which Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own holy things, and all the gold found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria. And he went away from Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup>And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>20</sup>And his servants arose and made a plot. And they killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla. <sup>21</sup>For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, seventeen years. <sup>2</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And he did not depart from them. <sup>3</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days. <sup>4</sup>And Jehoahaz sought the LORD, and the LORD listened to him. For He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they went out from under the Syrians. And the sons of Israel lived in their tents, as before. <sup>6</sup>But they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, *but* walked in them. And also the grove in Samaria stood. <sup>7</sup>For He had not left a people remaining to Jehoahaz, but only fifty horsemen and ten chariots and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and had made them like the dust at threshing-time. <sup>8</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>9</sup>And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoash his son reigned in his place.

<sup>10</sup>In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, sixteen years. <sup>11</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, *but* he walked *in* them. <sup>12</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>13</sup>And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

<sup>14</sup>And Elisha had fallen sick with his illness in which he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over his face. And he said, O my father,

my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen of it! <sup>15</sup>And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. <sup>16</sup>And he took bow and arrows to himself. And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand on the bow. And he placed his hand. And Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. <sup>17</sup>And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened. And Elisha said, Shoot! And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria. For you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek until you have crushed *them*. <sup>18</sup>And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike on the ground. And he struck three times and stopped. <sup>19</sup>And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have stricken five or six times, then you would have stricken Syria until you had crushed *it*. But now you shall strike Syria three times.

<sup>20</sup>And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at first of the year. <sup>21</sup>And it happened as they were burying a man, behold, they spied a band. And they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man went down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood up on his feet.

<sup>22</sup>But Hazael oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD was gracious to them, and had pity on them, and had respect to them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And He would not destroy them, nor cast them from His presence as yet. <sup>24</sup>And Hazael king of Syria died. And his son Ben-hadad reigned in his place. <sup>25</sup>And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz returned and took out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Jehoash beat him three times and recovered the cities of Israel.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>In the second year of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah reigned. <sup>2</sup>He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father. He did according to all things that Joash his father did. <sup>4</sup>Only, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

<sup>5</sup>And it happened when the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, he killed his servants who had slain his father the king; <sup>6</sup>But he did not kill the sons of the servants, according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the sons, nor shall the sons be put to death for the fathers, but each shall be put to death for his own sin. <sup>7</sup>He killed ten thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel until this day. <sup>8</sup>Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. <sup>9</sup>And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle which *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar which *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife. And a beast of the field in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle down. <sup>10</sup>You have indeed stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Rejoice and stay at home, for why should you meddle to *your* harm, so that you should fall, you and Judah with you? <sup>11</sup>But Amaziah would not hear. And Jehoash king of Israel went up. And he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, of Judah. <sup>12</sup>And Judah was beaten before Israel. And every man fled to his tent. <sup>13</sup>And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah,

the son of Joash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and he came to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. <sup>14</sup>And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

<sup>15</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>16</sup>And Jehoash slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

<sup>17</sup>And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. <sup>18</sup>And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>19</sup>And they made a plot against him at Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. And they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. <sup>20</sup>And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. <sup>21</sup>And all the people of Judah took Azariah who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah. <sup>22</sup>He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

<sup>23</sup>In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Jehoash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, forty-one years. <sup>24</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin. <sup>25</sup>He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath to the sea of the plain, according to the word of Jehovah God of Israel which He spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who *was* from Gath-hepher. <sup>26</sup>For the LORD had seen the affliction of Israel *to be* very bitter. And one was bound, and none was free, and there was no helper for Israel. <sup>27</sup>And the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash. <sup>28</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus and Hamath, of Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel? <sup>29</sup>And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel. And his son Zachariah reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. <sup>2</sup>He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jeholiah of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. <sup>4</sup>Only, the high places were not removed. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. And the king's son, Jotham, *was* over the house, judging the people of the land. <sup>6</sup>And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>7</sup>And Azariah slept with his fathers. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

<sup>8</sup>In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria, six months. <sup>9</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>10</sup>And Shallum the son of

Jabesh conspired against him. And he struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place. <sup>11</sup>And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel. <sup>12</sup>This *was* the word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel until the fourth generation. And it was so.

<sup>13</sup>Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah. And he reigned in Samaria only one month. <sup>14</sup>For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria. And he killed him and reigned in his place. <sup>15</sup>And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

<sup>16</sup>Then Menahem struck Tiphshah, and all in it, and its borders, from Tirzah. Because they did not open, he struck *it*. He ripped up all its pregnant women. <sup>17</sup>In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, ten years in Samaria. <sup>18</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, all his days. <sup>19</sup>Pul, the king of Assyria came against the land. And Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. <sup>20</sup>And Menahem took the money *from* Israel, from all the mighty men of wealth (fifty shekels of silver from each man) to give to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there in the land. <sup>21</sup>And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? <sup>22</sup>And Menahem slept with his fathers. And Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

<sup>23</sup>In the fiftieth year of Uzziah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, two years. <sup>24</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>25</sup>But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and fifty men of the Gileadites with him. And he killed him and reigned in his place. <sup>26</sup>And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel. <sup>27</sup>In the fifty-second year of Uzziah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, twenty years. <sup>28</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>29</sup>In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali. And he carried them away captive to Assyria. <sup>30</sup>And Hoshea the son of Elah made a plot against Pekah the son of Remaliah. And he struck him and killed him and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. <sup>31</sup>And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

<sup>32</sup>In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. <sup>33</sup>He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. <sup>34</sup>And he did right in the sight of the LORD. He did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. <sup>35</sup>Only, the high places were not removed. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>36</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the

Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>37</sup>In those days the LORD began to send Rezin the king of Syria against Judah, and also Pekah the son of Remaliah. <sup>38</sup>And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. <sup>2</sup>Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And he did not do right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. <sup>3</sup>But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. Yes, and he made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out from before the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. <sup>5</sup>Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem for war. And they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*. <sup>6</sup>At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath. And the Syrians came to Elath and lived there until this day. <sup>7</sup>And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* your servant and your son. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me. <sup>8</sup>And Ahaz took the silver and gold which was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria. <sup>9</sup>And the king of Assyria listened to him, for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it. And he carried it away captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

<sup>10</sup>And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria. And he saw an altar at Damascus. And king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the pattern of the altar, and the form of it, according to all the workmanship of it. <sup>11</sup>And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Urijah the priest did until king Ahaz came in from Damascus. <sup>12</sup>And the king came in from Damascus, and the king saw the altar. And the king approached to the altar and offered on it. <sup>13</sup>And *he* offered his burnt offering and his food offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, on the altar. <sup>14</sup>And he also brought the bronze altar which *was* before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. <sup>15</sup>And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, On the great altar burn the morning offering and the evening food offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice and his food offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their food offerings, and their drink offerings. And sprinkle all the blood of the burnt offerings on it, and all the blood of the sacrifice. And the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by. <sup>16</sup>And Urijah the priest did according to all that king Ahaz commanded. <sup>17</sup>And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from them. And he took down the sea from off the bronze oxen under it, and put it on a pavement of stones. <sup>18</sup>And the covered way for the sabbath which they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, he turned from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria. <sup>19</sup>And the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>20</sup>And Ahaz slept with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, nine years. <sup>2</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD,

but not like the kings of Israel who were before him. <sup>3</sup>Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him. And Hoshea became his servant and gave him taxes. <sup>4</sup>And the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea, for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and had brought no taxes to the king of Assyria, as *before*, year by year. And the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

<sup>5</sup>And the king of Assyria went up into all the land. And he went up to Samaria and besieged it three years. <sup>6</sup>In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria. And he placed them in Halah, and in Habor *by* the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. <sup>7</sup>And it happened because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, <sup>8</sup>and walked in the statutes of the nations whom the LORD cast out from before the sons of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which the nations had made. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Israel secretly did things that *were* not right against the LORD their God. And they built high places in all their cities for themselves, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. <sup>10</sup>And *they* set up images and groves for themselves in every high hill, and under every green tree. <sup>11</sup>And *they* burned incense in all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had removed from before them; and did evil things to provoke the LORD to anger. <sup>12</sup>For *they* served the idols, of which the LORD had said to them, You shall not do this thing. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, by all the seers, saying, Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets. <sup>14</sup>But they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like the neck of their fathers who did not believe in the LORD their God. <sup>15</sup>And *they* rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them. And *they* went after the vain thing, and became vain, and after the nations around them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them. <sup>16</sup>And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made molten images, two calves, for themselves. And they made a grove and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. <sup>17</sup>And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire. And they used divination and incantations, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

<sup>18</sup>So the LORD was very angry with Israel, and turned them away from His face; not one was left, only the tribe of Judah by itself. <sup>19</sup>Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes which Israel made. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight. <sup>21</sup>For He tore Israel from the house of David. And they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. <sup>22</sup>For the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did. They did not depart from them <sup>23</sup>until the LORD turned away Israel from His face, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria until this day.

<sup>24</sup>And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel. And they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. <sup>25</sup>And it happened at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear the LORD. And the LORD sent lions among them, who killed them. <sup>26</sup>And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have

removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the manner of the God of the land. And He has sent lions among them, and, behold, they kill them because they do not know the way of the God of the land.<sup>27</sup> And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Cause one of the priests whom you removed from there to go there. And they shall go and live there, and he shall teach them the way of the God of the land.<sup>28</sup> And one of the priests whom they had removed from Samaria came and lived in Bethel. And he taught them how they should fear the LORD.<sup>29</sup> And every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.<sup>30</sup> And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,<sup>31</sup> and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their sons with fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim.<sup>32</sup> So they feared the LORD, and made to themselves, of the lowest of them, priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.<sup>33</sup> They feared the LORD and served their own gods, according to the custom of the nations whom they removed from there.<sup>34</sup> Until this day they do according to their former ways. They do not fear the LORD, neither do they do according to their statutes, or according to their ordinances, or according to the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, whom He named Israel.

<sup>35</sup> And the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them,<sup>36</sup> but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, you shall fear Him, and you shall worship Him, and you shall do sacrifice to Him.<sup>37</sup> And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, you shall be careful to do forever. And you shall not fear other gods.<sup>38</sup> And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, and you shall not fear other gods.<sup>39</sup> And you shall fear the LORD your God. And He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.<sup>40</sup> But they did not listen, but they followed after their former way.<sup>41</sup> And it happened, these nations feared the LORD, and they served their graven images, both their sons and their sons' sons, as their fathers did, they do until this day.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup> And it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.<sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.<sup>3</sup> And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.<sup>4</sup> He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent which Moses had made; for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it. And he called it Nehushtan.<sup>5</sup> He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, and after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.<sup>6</sup> For he clung to the LORD. He did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.<sup>7</sup> And the LORD was with him. He was blessed wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him.<sup>8</sup> He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the watchtower to the fortified city.

<sup>9</sup> And it happened in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.<sup>10</sup> And at the end of three years they took it, in the sixth



year of Hezekiah, it was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. <sup>11</sup>And the king of Assyria carried away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, <sup>12</sup>because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not listen to them, nor do them.

<sup>13</sup>And in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. <sup>14</sup>And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; turn back from me. Whatever you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver, and thirty talents of gold. <sup>15</sup>And Hezekiah gave him all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house. <sup>16</sup>At that time Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid. And he gave them to the king of Assyria.

<sup>17</sup>And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and the chief of the eunuchs, and the chief of the cupbearers from Lachish, to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway to the Fuller's Field. <sup>18</sup>And they called to the king. And Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, went out to them. <sup>19</sup>And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Speak now to Hezekiah, So says the great king, the king of Assyria, What hope is this in which you trust? <sup>20</sup>Do you say that a mere word of the lips is wisdom and strength for the war? Now on whom do you trust that you rebel against me? <sup>21</sup>Now, behold, you trust on the staff of this bruised reed, on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him. <sup>22</sup>But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God, is He not the one whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? <sup>23</sup>And now, please give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver two thousand horses to you if you are able to set riders on them. <sup>24</sup>And how will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? <sup>25</sup>Have I now come up against this place to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

<sup>26</sup>Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah said to the chief of the cupbearers, Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand. And do not talk with us in Jewish, in the ears of the people who are on the wall. <sup>27</sup>And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Has my master sent me to your master and to you, to speak these words? Has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, so that they may eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you? <sup>28</sup>And the chief of the cupbearers stood and cried with a loud voice in Jewish, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: <sup>29</sup>so says the king, Do not let Hezekiah fool you. For he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand. <sup>30</sup>And do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of Assyria. <sup>31</sup>Do not listen to Hezekiah. For so says the king of Assyria, Make your peace with me, and come out to me, and you each shall eat of his vine, and each of his fig tree, and you each shall drink of the waters of his own cistern, <sup>32</sup>until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and of honey, and live, and

not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he deceives you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. <sup>33</sup>Has any of the gods of the nations at all delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>34</sup>Where *are* the gods of Hamath and of Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? <sup>35</sup>Who *are* they among all the gods of the lands who have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? <sup>36</sup>But the people kept silent and did not answer him a word. For the king's command was, saying, Do not answer him. <sup>37</sup>And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn. And they told him the words of the chief of the cupbearers.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when king Hezekiah heard, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth. And he went into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And *he* sent Eliakim who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup>And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble and of rebuke and contempt. For the sons have come to the birth, and *there is* no strength to bring forth. <sup>4</sup>It may be the LORD your God will hear all the words of the chief cupbearer with which his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. And you shall lift up prayer for the rest who are left. <sup>5</sup>And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>And Isaiah said to them, You shall say to your master, So says the LORD, Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. <sup>7</sup>Behold, I will send a blast on him, and he shall hear a rumor and shall return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

<sup>8</sup>And the chief cupbearer returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup>And when he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he has come out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, <sup>10</sup>So you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. <sup>11</sup>Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by completely destroying them. And shall you be delivered? <sup>12</sup>Have the gods of the nations delivered them, nations which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the sons of Eden in Telassar? <sup>13</sup>Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and of Ivah?

<sup>14</sup>And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the messengers, and read it. And Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, O LORD God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubs, You *are* God Himself, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth. <sup>16</sup>LORD, bow down Your ear and hear. O LORD, open Your eyes and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to taunt the living God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, <sup>18</sup>and have thrown their gods into the fire; for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone, and they have destroyed them. <sup>19</sup>And now, O, LORD our God, I

beseech You, save us out of his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God, and You only.

<sup>20</sup>And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says the LORD God of Israel, I have heard what you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria. <sup>21</sup>This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. <sup>22</sup>Whom have you mocked and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted *your* voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Even against the Holy One of Israel! <sup>23</sup>You have mocked Jehovah by your messengers, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down its tall cedar trees, its choice fir trees. And I will enter into the lodgings of its borders, *into* the forest and its fruitful field. <sup>24</sup>I have dug and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of fortified places. <sup>25</sup>Have you not heard? Long ago I have made it, in ancient times I fashioned it! Now I have caused it to come; that you should make fortified cities desolate heaps of ruins. <sup>26</sup>And their people *were* of small power, *they were* fearful and put to shame. They were *like* the grass of the field, and *like* the green herb, *like* the grass on the house-tops, and *like* grain blasted before it was grown up. <sup>27</sup>But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me. <sup>28</sup>Because your rage against Me and your noise has come up into My ears, even I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips. And I will turn you back by the way by which you came. <sup>29</sup>And this *shall be* a sign to you: you shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs up of the same. And in the third year, sow and reap and plant vineyards and eat the fruits of them. <sup>30</sup>And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward and bear fruit upward. <sup>31</sup>For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they who escape out of Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD shall do this. <sup>32</sup>So the LORD says this concerning the king of Assyria. He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor throw up a bank against it. <sup>33</sup>By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD. <sup>34</sup>For I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.

<sup>35</sup>And it happened that night, the Angel of the LORD went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. And they arose early in the morning, and behold, they *were* all dead bodies. <sup>36</sup>And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed. And he went and returned and lived at Nineveh. <sup>37</sup>And it happened as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him with the sword. And they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, So says the LORD, Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live. <sup>2</sup>And he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, O LORD, <sup>3</sup>I pray You, remember now how I have walked before You in truth and with a sincere heart, and have done good in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping. <sup>4</sup>And it happened before Isaiah had gone out into the middle of the court, the word of the LORD came to him saying, <sup>5</sup>Return again and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, So says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears.

Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And I will add fifteen years to your days. And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. And I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake. <sup>7</sup>And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered. <sup>8</sup>And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, *What shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? <sup>9</sup>And Isaiah said, You shall have this sign from the LORD, that the LORD *will* do the thing which He has spoken. Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps? <sup>10</sup>And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten steps. No, but let the shadow go backward ten steps. <sup>11</sup>And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD. And He brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

<sup>12</sup>At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah. For he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. <sup>13</sup>And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them *all* the house of his precious things, the silver and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion which Hezekiah did not show them. <sup>14</sup>And Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? And from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, from Babylon. <sup>15</sup>And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that *is* in my house. There is nothing among my treasures which I have not shown to them. <sup>16</sup>And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>Behold, the days come when all that *is* in your house, and which your fathers have laid up in store until today, shall be carried into Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And of your sons which shall issue from you, which you shall father, they shall take away. And they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. <sup>19</sup>And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which you have spoken. And he said, *Shall there* not be peace and truth in my days?

<sup>20</sup>And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>21</sup>And Hezekiah slept with his fathers. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign. And he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzibah. <sup>2</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel. <sup>3</sup>For he built up again the high places which his father Hezekiah had destroyed. And he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as Ahab king of Israel did. And he worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. <sup>4</sup>And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem I will put My name. <sup>5</sup>And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times and used fortune-tellers. And he dealt with familiar spirits and wizards. He worked much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *Him* to anger. <sup>7</sup>And he set a graven image of the grove which he had made in the house, of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. <sup>8</sup>And I will not again make the feet of Israel wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will be

careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them. <sup>9</sup>But they did not listen. And Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations ever did, whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, <sup>11</sup>Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, doing more wickedly than all that the Amorites did, who *were* before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols, <sup>12</sup>therefore, so says the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing evil on Jerusalem and Judah, so that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. <sup>13</sup>And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the measuring line of the house of Ahab. And I will wipe Jerusalem like a dish is wiped, wiping and turning it upside down. <sup>14</sup>And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies. And they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies, <sup>15</sup>because they have done the evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt even until this day. <sup>16</sup>And also Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing the evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin which he sinned, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>18</sup>And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

<sup>19</sup>Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. <sup>20</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did. <sup>21</sup>And he walked in all the way that his father walked, and served the idols which his father served, and worshiped them. <sup>22</sup>And he left the LORD God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And the servants of Amon plotted against him and killed the king in his own house. <sup>24</sup>And the people of the land killed all those who had plotted against king Amon. And the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place. <sup>25</sup>And the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the Books of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? <sup>26</sup>And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And his son Josiah reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign. And he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. <sup>2</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

<sup>3</sup>And it happened in the eighteenth year of Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, <sup>4</sup>Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, so that he may count the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people. <sup>5</sup>And let them deliver it into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord. And let them give it to the workers who *are* in the house of the LORD, in order to repair the breaks of the house, <sup>6</sup>to carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house. <sup>7</sup>Only, the silver that is given into their hand shall not be reckoned with them, for they are dealing in faithfulness.

<sup>8</sup>And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan,

and he read it. <sup>9</sup>And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers, who have the oversight of the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. <sup>11</sup>And it happened when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. <sup>12</sup>And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king, saying, <sup>13</sup>Go inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book which is found. For great is the wrath of the LORD which is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all which is written concerning us. <sup>14</sup>And Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. And she lived in Jerusalem in the second *part*. And they talked with her. <sup>15</sup>And she said to them, So says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me, <sup>16</sup>So says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil on this place and on the people of it, all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read; <sup>17</sup>because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, so that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. <sup>18</sup>But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so you shall say to him, So says the LORD God of Israel, The words which you have heard, <sup>19</sup>because your heart was tender and you have humbled yourself before the LORD, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against the people of it (that they should become a waste and a curse and have torn your clothes and wept before Me), I have heard you, says the LORD. <sup>20</sup>Behold, even so I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace. And your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place. And they brought the king *this* word again.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And the king sent. And they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And the king went up into the house of the LORD. And all the men of Judah and all the people of Jerusalem were with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all the people, from the small even to the great. And he read all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD in their ears. <sup>3</sup>And the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to perform the words of this covenant which was written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. <sup>4</sup>And the king commanded Hilkiyah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels which were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven. And he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them to Bethel. <sup>5</sup>And he put down the idol-worshipping priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn *incense* in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem. He also put down those who burned *incense* to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. <sup>6</sup>And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it to powder, and threw the powder of it on the graves of the sons of the people. <sup>7</sup>And he broke down the houses of the

sodomites, which *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove coverings for the grove. <sup>8</sup>And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned *incense*, from Geba to Beer-sheba. And he broke down the high places of the gates which *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. <sup>9</sup>But the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate of the unleavened bread among their brothers. <sup>10</sup>And he defiled Topheth, in the valley of the sons of Hinnom, so that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. <sup>11</sup>And he took away the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the room of Nathan-melech the eunuch, which *was* in the suburbs. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. <sup>12</sup>And the altars which *were* on the top of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made, and the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king beat them down, and broke them down from there. And he threw the dust of them into the brook Kidron. <sup>13</sup>And the high places which *were* before Jerusalem on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled. <sup>14</sup>And he broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

<sup>15</sup>And also the altar which *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place; he stamped *it* to powder, and burned the Asherah. <sup>16</sup>And as Josiah turned, he spied the tombs which *were* there in the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned *them* on the altar and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God had proclaimed, who spoke these words. <sup>17</sup>And he said, What monument *is* that which I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel. <sup>18</sup>And he said, Let him alone; let no one move his bones. And they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria. <sup>19</sup>And also all the houses of the high places in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts which he had done in Bethel. <sup>20</sup>And he killed all the priests of the high places which *were* there on the altars, and burned men's bones on them, and returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>21</sup>And the king commanded all the people saying, Prepare the Passover to the LORD your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant. <sup>22</sup>Surely there was not held such a Passover from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah, <sup>23</sup>but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, this Passover was held to the LORD in Jerusalem. <sup>24</sup>And also Josiah put away the mediums, and the soothsayers, and the family gods, and the idols, and all the abominations which were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book which Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. <sup>25</sup>And there was no king like him before him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses. And after him none rose up like him.

<sup>26</sup>But the Lord did not turn from the heat of His great wrath, with which His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations which Manasseh

had provoked Him. <sup>27</sup>And the LORD said, I will also remove Judah out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. <sup>28</sup>And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

<sup>29</sup>In his days Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And king Josiah went against him. And he killed him at Megiddo, when he saw him. <sup>30</sup>And his servants made him ride dead in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

<sup>31</sup>Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign. And he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>32</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. <sup>33</sup>And Pharaoh-necho put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so that he might not reign in Jerusalem. And he put the land to a tax of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. <sup>34</sup>And Pharaoh-necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of Josiah his father. And he changed his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away. And he came to Egypt and died there. <sup>35</sup>And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh. But he taxed the land to give the silver according to Pharaoh's command. He exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land, from each one according to his worth, to give it to Pharaoh-necho.

<sup>36</sup>Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign. And he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. <sup>37</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by His servants the prophets. <sup>3</sup>Surely at the commandment of the Lord *this* came on Judah, to remove *them* out of His sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; <sup>4</sup>and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon. <sup>5</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? <sup>6</sup>And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers. And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. <sup>7</sup>And the king of Egypt did not come again out of his land any more. For the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that belonged to the king of Egypt. <sup>8</sup>Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

<sup>10</sup>At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. <sup>11</sup>And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants besieged it. <sup>12</sup>And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother, and his servants, and his leaders, and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year



of his reign. <sup>13</sup>And *he* carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. <sup>14</sup>And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the leaders, and all the mighty men of war, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land. <sup>15</sup>And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his eunuchs. And the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>16</sup>And the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of might, seven thousand of them, and a thousand craftsmen and smiths, all who *were* strong and able for war.

<sup>17</sup>And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his father's brother, king in his place. And he changed his name to Zedekiah. <sup>18</sup>Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>19</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. <sup>20</sup>For it was through the anger of the LORD that Zedekiah happened to rebel against the king of Babylon in Jerusalem and in Judah, until God had put them out of His presence.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came. He and all his army *came* against Jerusalem and pitched against it, and built a siege-mound all around it. <sup>2</sup>And the city *was* besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah, <sup>3</sup>on the ninth of the *fourth* month, when famine *was* severe in the city, and there *was* no bread for the people of the land. <sup>4</sup>And the city *was* broken up, and by night all the men of war *went* by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden. And the Chaldeans *were* against the city all round. And *the king* went the way toward the plain. <sup>5</sup>And the army of the Chaldees pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. And all his army *was* scattered from him. <sup>6</sup>And they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah. And they gave judgment on him. <sup>7</sup>And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with bronze chains and carried him *to* Babylon.

<sup>8</sup>And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month; it *was* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>And he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem. And every great one's house he burned with fire. <sup>10</sup>And all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the chief of the executioners broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around. <sup>11</sup>And the rest of the people who were left in the city, and the fugitives who fell away to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the multitude, the chief of the executioners carried away. <sup>12</sup>But the chief of the executioners left a few of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

<sup>13</sup>And the bronze pillars which *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and bronze sea in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke into pieces and carried the bronze from them to Babylon. <sup>14</sup>And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered, they also took away. <sup>15</sup>And the chief of the executioners took away the fire-pans, and the bowls, such things as *were* all of gold, and all of silver; <sup>16</sup>also the two pillars, the one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house

of the LORD. The bronze of all these vessels was without weight. <sup>17</sup>The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the capital on it *was* bronze. And the height of the capital *was* three cubits. And the grating and the pomegranates on the capital all around *were* all of bronze. And the second pillar had grating like these. <sup>18</sup>And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. <sup>19</sup>And he took out of the city a certain eunuch who was appointed over the men of war, and five men of those who were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the chief scribe of the army (who called up the people of the land together), and sixty men of the people of the land found in the city. <sup>20</sup>And Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners took these and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. <sup>21</sup>And the king of Babylon struck them and killed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. And he exiled Judah from its land.

<sup>22</sup>And he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left. <sup>23</sup>And all the captains of the army, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor. And they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. <sup>24</sup>And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said to them, Do not fear to be the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. <sup>25</sup>And it happened in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama of the seed of the kingdom, and ten men with him, came and struck Gedaliah, and he died, and also the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. <sup>26</sup>And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the army, arose and came to Egypt. For they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

<sup>27</sup>And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh of the month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison. <sup>28</sup>And he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon. <sup>29</sup>And he changed his prison clothes. And he always ate bread before him all the days of his life. <sup>30</sup>And his allowance was a regular allowance given him from the king, a daily ration for every day, all the days of his life.

# THE FIRST BOOK OF CHRONICLES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Adam, Seth, Enoch, <sup>2</sup>Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jered, <sup>3</sup>Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, <sup>4</sup>Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>5</sup>The sons of Japheth were Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. <sup>6</sup>And the sons of Gomer were Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Javan were Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. <sup>8</sup>The sons of Ham were Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Cush were Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. <sup>10</sup>And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began to be mighty on the earth. <sup>11</sup>And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, <sup>12</sup>and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from *whom* came the Philistines), and Caphthorim. <sup>13</sup>And Canaan fathered Zidon his firstborn, and Heth, <sup>14</sup>the Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Gurgashite, <sup>15</sup>and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, <sup>16</sup>and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

<sup>17</sup>The sons of Shem were Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. <sup>18</sup>And Arphaxad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. <sup>19</sup>And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the one was Peleg (because in his days the earth was divided), and the name of his brother was Joktan. <sup>20</sup>And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazar-maveth, and Jerah, <sup>21</sup>and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, <sup>22</sup>and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, <sup>23</sup>and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

<sup>24</sup>Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, <sup>25</sup>Eber, Peleg, Reu, <sup>26</sup>Serug, Nahor, Terah, <sup>27</sup>Abram (the same is Abraham). <sup>28</sup>The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

<sup>29</sup>These are their generations. The first-born of Ishmael was Nebaioth, and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, <sup>30</sup>Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, <sup>31</sup>Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

<sup>32</sup>And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: She bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. <sup>33</sup>And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Henoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah. <sup>34</sup>And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

<sup>35</sup>The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. <sup>36</sup>The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Getam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. <sup>37</sup>The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. <sup>38</sup>And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. <sup>39</sup>And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. And Timna was Lotan's sister. <sup>40</sup>The sons of Shobal: Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. <sup>41</sup>The son of Anah was Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. <sup>42</sup>The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

<sup>43</sup>And these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah. <sup>44</sup>And Bela died; and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. <sup>45</sup>And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. <sup>46</sup>And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Avith. <sup>47</sup>And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. <sup>48</sup>And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place. <sup>49</sup>And Shaul died, and

Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. <sup>50</sup>And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Pai. And his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

<sup>51</sup>And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom: chief Timnah, chief Aliah, chief Jeheth, <sup>52</sup>chief Aholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, <sup>53</sup>chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, <sup>54</sup>chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These *are* the chiefs of Edom.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, <sup>2</sup>Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

<sup>3</sup>The sons of Judah: Er and Onan, and Shelah, three born to him from the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and He killed him. <sup>4</sup>And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. <sup>5</sup>The sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul. <sup>6</sup>And the sons of Zerah were Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara, all of them five. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Carmi: Achan, the troubler of Israel, who sinned in the cursed thing. <sup>8</sup>And the son of Ethan was Azariah. <sup>9</sup>And the sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. <sup>10</sup>And Ram fathered Amminadab. And Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah. <sup>11</sup>And Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz, <sup>12</sup>and Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse. <sup>13</sup>And Jesse fathered his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third, <sup>14</sup>Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, <sup>15</sup>Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. <sup>16</sup>Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. <sup>17</sup>And Abigail bore Amasa. And the father of Amasa was Jether, the Ishmaelite.

<sup>18</sup>And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered *sons* of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth. *Her* sons are these: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. <sup>19</sup>And when Azubah died, Caleb took Ephrath to himself, who bore him Hur. <sup>20</sup>And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezaleel. <sup>21</sup>And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old. And she bore him Segub. <sup>22</sup>And Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. <sup>23</sup>And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and its towns, sixty cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. <sup>24</sup>And after Hezron died in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah, Hezron's wife bore him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

<sup>25</sup>And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron: Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah. <sup>26</sup>Jerahmeel also had another wife, whose name was Atarah. She was the mother of Onam. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel: were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. <sup>28</sup>And the sons of Onam: Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur. <sup>29</sup>And the name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Abban and Molid. <sup>30</sup>And the sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim. But Seled died without sons. <sup>31</sup>And the son of Appaim was Ishi. And the son of Ishi was Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan was Ahlai. <sup>32</sup>And the sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan; and Jether died without sons. <sup>33</sup>And the sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

<sup>34</sup>And Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, and his name was Jarha. <sup>35</sup>And Sheshan gave his daughter to his servant Jarha for a wife, and she bore him Attai. <sup>36</sup>And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad, <sup>37</sup>and Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed, <sup>38</sup>and Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah, <sup>39</sup>and Azariah fathered Helez,

and Helez fathered Eleasah,<sup>40</sup> and Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum,<sup>41</sup> and Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

<sup>42</sup>And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his first-born, the father of Ziph. And the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.<sup>43</sup>And the sons of Hebron were Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.<sup>44</sup>And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkoam. And Rekem fathered Shammai.<sup>45</sup>And the son of Shammai was Maon. And Maon was the father of Beth-zur.<sup>46</sup>And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez.<sup>47</sup>And the sons of Jahdai: Regem and Jotham and Geshan and Pelet and Ephah and Shaaph.<sup>48</sup>Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber, and Tirhanah.<sup>49</sup>She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea. And Caleb's daughter was Achsah.

<sup>50</sup>These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur. The first-born of Ephrathah was Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim;<sup>51</sup>Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.<sup>52</sup>And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, and half of the Manabethites.<sup>53</sup>And the families of Kirjath-jearim were the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.<sup>54</sup>The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half the Manabethites, the Zorites.<sup>55</sup>And the families of the scribes who lived at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron. The first-born, Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel. The second, Daniel, of Abigail of Carmel.<sup>2</sup>The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur. The fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith.<sup>3</sup>The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital. The sixth was Ithream by Eglah his wife.<sup>4</sup>These six were born to him in Hebron. And there he reigned seven years and six months. And he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three years.<sup>5</sup>And these were born to him in Jerusalem Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four of Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel<sup>6</sup> and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,<sup>7</sup> and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,<sup>8</sup> and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.<sup>9</sup>These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

<sup>10</sup>And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, and Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,<sup>11</sup> Jehoram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,<sup>12</sup> Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,<sup>13</sup> Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,<sup>14</sup> Amon his son, Josiah his son.<sup>15</sup>And the sons of Josiah: Johanan the first-born, Jehoiakim the second, Zedekiah the third, Shallum the fourth.<sup>16</sup>And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, and Zedekiah his son.

<sup>17</sup>And the sons of Jeconiah: Assir, and Shealtiel his son,<sup>18</sup> and Malchiram, and Pediah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedeiah.<sup>19</sup>And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister,<sup>20</sup> and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.<sup>21</sup>And the sons of Hananiah: Pelahah, and Jesaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Aman, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.<sup>22</sup>And the son of Shechaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.<sup>23</sup>And the sons of Neariah were Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.<sup>24</sup>And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>The sons of Judah *were* Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. <sup>2</sup>And Realah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath. And Jahath fathered Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites. <sup>3</sup>And these *were* of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash, and the name of their sister *was* Hazeleponi <sup>4</sup>and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem. <sup>5</sup>And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. <sup>6</sup>And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Helah: Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan. <sup>8</sup>And Coz fathered Anub, and Zobebah, and the families Aharhel, the son of Harum.

<sup>9</sup>And Jabez *was* more honorable than his brothers. And his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow. <sup>10</sup>And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that You would bless me indeed, and make my border larger, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, so that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he asked.

<sup>11</sup>And Chelub the brother of Shuah fathered Mahir; he *was* the father of Eshton. <sup>12</sup>And Eshton fathered Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of Irnahash. These *are* the men of Rechah. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. And the son of Othniel *was* Hathath. <sup>14</sup>And Meonothal fathered Ophrah. And Seraiah fathered Joab, the father of the Valley of the Craftsmen. For they *were* craftsmen. <sup>15</sup>And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. And the son of Elah *was* Kenaz. <sup>16</sup>And the sons of Jehaleleel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Ezra: Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon. And she bore Miriam and Shammai, and Ishbah, Estemoa's father. <sup>18</sup>And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of *his* wife *were* Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keliah the Carmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. <sup>20</sup>And the sons of Shiman: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

<sup>21</sup>The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, from the house of Ashbea, <sup>22</sup>and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the rule over Moab, and Jeshubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things. <sup>23</sup>These *were* the potters and those who lived among plants and hedges. They lived there with the king for his work.

<sup>24</sup>The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, Shaul, <sup>25</sup>Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. <sup>26</sup>And the sons of Mishma: Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. <sup>27</sup>And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters. But his brothers did not have many sons, and all their family did not multiply like the sons of Judah. <sup>28</sup>And they lived at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, <sup>29</sup>and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, <sup>30</sup>and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, <sup>31</sup>and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David. <sup>32</sup>And their villages *were* Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities, <sup>33</sup>and all their villages *were* around these cities, to Baal. These *were* their homes and their family line. <sup>34</sup>And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, <sup>35</sup>and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, <sup>36</sup>and Elieonai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, <sup>37</sup>and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of

Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.<sup>30</sup> These going by name were rulers in their families. And the house of their fathers increased greatly.

<sup>39</sup>And they went to the entrance of Gedar, to the east side of the valley, to look for pasture for their flocks. <sup>40</sup>And they found fertile and good pasture, for the land was wide and quiet and peaceable. For some of the sons of Ham had lived there of old. <sup>41</sup>And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the homes that were found there, and completely destroyed them until this day, and lived in their places, because there was pasture there for their flocks. <sup>42</sup>And some of them, of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to Mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. <sup>43</sup>And they struck the rest which escaped to Amalek, and lived there until this day.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born; but since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, and the genealogy is not to be counted according to the birthright; <sup>2</sup>For Judah prevailed among his brothers, and from him came the chief ruler, but the birthright was Joseph's); <sup>3</sup>the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. <sup>4</sup>The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, <sup>5</sup>Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, <sup>6</sup>Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away. He was ruler of the men of Reuben. <sup>7</sup>And his brothers by their families, in the genealogy of their generations: Jeiel the chief, and Zechariah, <sup>8</sup>and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon. <sup>9</sup>And he lived as far to the east as the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. <sup>10</sup>And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand. And they lived in their tents throughout all the eastland of Gilead.

<sup>11</sup>And the sons of Gad lived opposite them, in the land of Bashan to Salchah <sup>12</sup>Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. <sup>13</sup>And their brothers from the house of their fathers: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. <sup>14</sup>These are the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz, <sup>15</sup>Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers. <sup>16</sup>And they lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, on their borders. <sup>17</sup>All these were counted by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>The sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, (sons of valor, men lifting up shield and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war), were forty-four thousand, seven hundred and sixty who went out to the war. <sup>19</sup>And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. <sup>20</sup>And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them. For they cried to God in the battle, and He was pleased to hear them, because they put their trust in Him. <sup>21</sup>And they took away their cattle: of their camels, fifty thousand; and of sheep, two hundred fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand. <sup>22</sup>For many fell down slain, because the war was of God. And they lived in their places until the captivity.

<sup>23</sup>And the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal-hermon and Senir, and to Mount Hermon. <sup>24</sup>And these were

the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of war, famous men, heads of the house of their fathers. <sup>25</sup>And they sinned against the God of their fathers, and went lusting after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. <sup>26</sup>And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria. And he exiled them, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, to this day.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>2</sup>And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and *their sister* Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>4</sup>Eleazar fathered Phinehas. Phinehas fathered Abishua. <sup>5</sup>And Abishua fathered Bukki. And Bukki fathered Uzzi. <sup>6</sup>And Uzzi fathered Zerariah. And Zerariah fathered Meraioth. <sup>7</sup>Meraioth fathered Amariah. And Amariah fathered Ahitub. <sup>8</sup>And Ahitub fathered Zadok. And Zadok fathered Ahimaaz. <sup>9</sup>And Ahimaaz fathered Azariah. And Azariah fathered Johanan. <sup>10</sup>And Johanan fathered Azariah — he who acted in the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup>And Azariah fathered Amariah. And Amariah fathered Ahitub. <sup>12</sup>And Ahitub fathered Zadok. And Zadok fathered Shallum. <sup>13</sup>And Shallum fathered Hilkiyah. And Hilkiyah fathered Azariah. <sup>14</sup>And Azariah fathered Seraiah. And Seraiah fathered Jehozadak. <sup>15</sup>And Jehozadak went away when the LORD exiled Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>16</sup>The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath and Merari. <sup>17</sup>And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei. <sup>18</sup>And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers. <sup>20</sup>The sons of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, <sup>21</sup>Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son. <sup>22</sup>The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, <sup>23</sup>Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, <sup>24</sup>Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziyah his son, and Shaul his son. <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth. <sup>26</sup>Elkanah; the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, <sup>27</sup>Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. <sup>28</sup>And the sons of Samuel: Joel, Vashni, the first-born, and Abijah.

<sup>29</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzziyah his son, <sup>30</sup>Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. <sup>31</sup>And these *are* the men whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark had rest. <sup>32</sup>And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. And they waited on their office according to their order. <sup>33</sup>And these *are* the ones who waited with their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, <sup>34</sup>the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Ehel, the son of Toah, <sup>35</sup>the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, <sup>36</sup>the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, <sup>37</sup>the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, <sup>38</sup>the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. <sup>39</sup>And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea, <sup>40</sup>the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, <sup>41</sup>the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiyah, <sup>42</sup>the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, <sup>43</sup>the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi. <sup>44</sup>And their brothers the sons of



Merari stood on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, <sup>45</sup>the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiyah, <sup>46</sup>the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, <sup>47</sup>the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. <sup>48</sup>And their brothers, the Levites, were appointed for all kinds of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

<sup>49</sup>But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the most holy place, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. <sup>50</sup>And these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, <sup>51</sup>Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerariah his son, <sup>52</sup>Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, <sup>53</sup>Zadok his son, Ahimaz his son.

<sup>54</sup>And these are their dwelling-places throughout their camps, within their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, for the lot was theirs. <sup>55</sup>And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its suburbs all around it. <sup>56</sup>But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. <sup>57</sup>And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah: Hebron, a city of refuge, and Libnah with its suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with their suburbs, <sup>58</sup>and Hilen with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, <sup>59</sup>and Ashan with its suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with its suburbs. <sup>60</sup>And out of the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its suburbs, and Alemeth with its suburbs, and Anathoth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

<sup>61</sup>And to the sons of Kohath left of the family of that tribe, cities were given out of the half tribe, the half of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities. <sup>62</sup>And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. <sup>63</sup>And to the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. <sup>64</sup>And the sons of Israel gave these cities to the Levites, with their suburbs. <sup>65</sup>And they gave these cities which are called by their names, out of the tribe of the sons of Judah, and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin.

<sup>66</sup>And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. <sup>67</sup>And they gave to them for the cities of refuge, Shechem in Mount Ephraim, with its suburbs, also Gezer with its suburbs, <sup>68</sup>and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth-horan with its suburbs, <sup>69</sup>and Ajjalon with its suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with its suburbs. <sup>70</sup>And out of the half tribe of Manasseh they gave Aner with its suburbs, and Bileam with its suburbs, for the family of the rest of the sons of Kohath.

<sup>71</sup>To the sons of Gershom were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and Ashtaroth with its suburbs. <sup>72</sup>And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, <sup>73</sup>and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs were given. <sup>74</sup>And out of the tribe of Asher they gave Mashai with its suburbs, and Abdan with its suburbs, <sup>75</sup>and Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs. <sup>76</sup>And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Kirjath-aim with its suburbs.

<sup>77</sup>To the rest of the sons of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with its suburbs, Tabor with its suburbs. <sup>78</sup>And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan they gave them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness, with its suburbs, and Jahzah with its suburbs, <sup>79</sup>and Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs. <sup>80</sup>And out of the tribe

of Gad they gave Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, <sup>61</sup>and Heshbon with its suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs.

### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, and Jashub, and Shimran, four. <sup>2</sup>And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Raphalah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers house — *these* to Tola, great men of might in their generations. Their number in the days of David *was* twenty-two thousand and six hundred. <sup>3</sup>And the son of Uzzi *was* Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five. All of them chiefs. <sup>4</sup>And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand *men*. For they had many wives and sons. <sup>5</sup>And their brothers among all the families of Issachar *were* great men of might, *being* in all, by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand.

<sup>6</sup>*The sons of Benjamin:* Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five heads of *their* fathers' house, mighty men of valor. And their genealogy, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Becher: Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All *these were* the sons of Becher. <sup>9</sup>And their genealogy by their generations, heads of their fathers' house, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand and two hundred. <sup>10</sup>And the son of Jediael *was* Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Abishahar. <sup>11</sup>All *these were* the sons of Jediael, by the heads of *their* fathers, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred *men*, going out to war for battle. <sup>12</sup>And Shuppim, and Huppim, the sons of Ir, and Hushim, the sons of Aher. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhan.

<sup>14</sup>The sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, with whom Jaladah his Syrian concubine bore Machir the father of Gilead, <sup>15</sup>and Machir took a wife for Huppim and for Shuppim; and the name of his sister *was* Maachah. And the name of the second *was* Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters. <sup>16</sup>And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. And the name of his brother *was* Sheresh, and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. <sup>17</sup>And the son of Ulam *was* Bedan. *These were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. <sup>18</sup>And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Shemida: Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

<sup>20</sup>And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, <sup>21</sup>and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead. And the men of Gath, natives in the land, killed them because they came down to take away their cattle. <sup>22</sup>And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him. <sup>23</sup>And he went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. <sup>24</sup>And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the lower, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah. <sup>25</sup>And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, <sup>26</sup>Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, <sup>27</sup>Non his son; Jehoshua his son. <sup>28</sup>And their possessions and habitations: Bethel and its towns, and eastward to Naaran, and westward to Gezer, with its towns; and Shechem and its towns, to Gaza and its towns. <sup>29</sup>And by the borders of the sons of Manasseh *their possessions were* Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these lived the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

<sup>30</sup>The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishuah, and Ishuai, and Beriab; and Serah their sister. <sup>31</sup>And the sons of Beriab: Heber, and Malchiel; he *is* the father of Birzavith. <sup>32</sup>And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. <sup>33</sup>And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* the sons of Japhlet. <sup>34</sup>And the sons of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. <sup>35</sup>And the sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. <sup>36</sup>The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Hamepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, <sup>37</sup>Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. <sup>38</sup>And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. <sup>39</sup>And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Haniel, and Rizia. <sup>40</sup>All these *were* the sons of Asher, heads of *their* fathers' house, choice, mighty warriors, heads of the rulers. And their enrollment in the warfare in the battle, their number *was* twenty-six thousand men.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And Benjamin fathered Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, <sup>2</sup>Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Bela: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, <sup>4</sup>and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, <sup>5</sup>and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. <sup>6</sup>And these *are* the sons of Ehud, these *are* the heads of the fathers of the people of Geba; and they exiled them to Manahath. <sup>7</sup>And Naaman and Ahiah and Gera, he exiled them. And *Ehud* fathered Uzza and Ahihud. <sup>8</sup>And Shaharaim fathered *sons* in the land of Moab, after he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara *were* his wives. <sup>9</sup>And by his wife Hodesh, *were* Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, <sup>10</sup>and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers. <sup>11</sup>And by Hushim he had Abitub, and Elpaal. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Elpaal were Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono and Lod, with their towns. <sup>13</sup>And Beriab and Shema *were* heads of the fathers of the people of Aijalon, who drove away the people of Gath; <sup>14</sup>and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, <sup>15</sup>and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, <sup>16</sup>and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriab. <sup>17</sup>And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, <sup>18</sup>Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab *were* the sons of Elpaal. <sup>19</sup>And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, <sup>20</sup>and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, <sup>21</sup>and Adalah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath *were* the sons of Shimhi. <sup>22</sup>And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, <sup>23</sup>and Abdan, and Zichri, and Hanan, <sup>24</sup>and Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah <sup>25</sup>and Iphedciah, and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak. <sup>26</sup>And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, <sup>27</sup>and Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri *were* the sons of Jeroham. <sup>28</sup>These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chiefs. These lived in Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>And at Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name *was* Maachah. <sup>30</sup>And his first-born son *was* Abdan, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, <sup>31</sup>and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher. <sup>32</sup>And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And these also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from them. <sup>33</sup>And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. <sup>34</sup>And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal. And Meribbaal fathered Micah. <sup>35</sup>And the sons of Micah: Pithan, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. <sup>36</sup>And Ahaz fathered Jehoadah. And Jehoadah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza. <sup>37</sup>And Moza fathered Binea; Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. <sup>38</sup>And Azel *had* six sons, and these their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel. <sup>39</sup>And the sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his first-born; Jehush, the second; and Eliphelet, the third. <sup>40</sup>And the sons of Ulam *were* mighty men, archers, and *had* many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these *were* the sons of Benjamin.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>So all Israel enrolled themselves. And behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel. And Judah was exiled to Babylon for their sins.

<sup>2</sup>And the first people in their possessions in their cities *were* the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the temple slaves. <sup>3</sup>And in Jerusalem lived of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim, and Manasseh: <sup>4</sup>Uthal the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the sons of Pharez the son of Judah. <sup>5</sup>And of the Shilonites, Asaiah the first-born and his sons. <sup>6</sup>And of the sons of Zerah, Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred and ninety. <sup>7</sup>And of the sons of Benjamin, Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, <sup>8</sup>and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah, <sup>9</sup>and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men *were* chief of the fathers to their fathers' house.

<sup>10</sup>And of the priests, Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, <sup>11</sup>and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God, <sup>12</sup>and Adalah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer, <sup>13</sup>and their brothers, heads of their fathers' house, seventeen hundred and sixty very able men *for* the work of the service of the house of God.

<sup>14</sup>And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari, <sup>15</sup>and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Gallal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph, <sup>16</sup>and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Gallal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites. <sup>17</sup>And the gatekeepers *were* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talman, and Ahiman; and their brothers, Shallum *was* the chief. <sup>18</sup>And before they *were* at the king's gate eastward, they *were* gatekeepers in the companies of the sons of Levi. <sup>19</sup>And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle. And their fathers *were* over the army of the LORD, keepers of the entry. <sup>20</sup>And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him. <sup>21</sup>Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* gatekeeper of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>22</sup>All these chosen for gatekeepers in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These by their genealogies, in their villages, *were* the ones David and Samuel the seer ordained in their set office. <sup>23</sup>So they and their sons *were* over the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. <sup>24</sup>The gatekeepers were to the four quarters, toward the east, west, north, and south. <sup>25</sup>And their brothers in their villages, *were* to come in for seven days from time to time with them. <sup>26</sup>For they *were* in faithfulness, the four chief gatekeepers; they *were* Levites, and were over the rooms, and over the treasuries of the house of God.

<sup>27</sup>And they lived around the house of God, because the duty *was* on them. And they *were* to open it morning by morning. <sup>28</sup>And certain of them *were* over the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by count. <sup>29</sup>*Some* of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. <sup>30</sup>And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

<sup>31</sup>And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, *was faithful over the work of the pans.* <sup>32</sup>And *others* of the sons of the Kohathites, from among their brothers, *were* over the showbread, to prepare sabbath by sabbath. <sup>33</sup>And these *were* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites in the chambers, *they were* free of duty, for they were employed in that work day and night. <sup>34</sup>These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations. These lived at Jerusalem.

<sup>35</sup>And Jehiel, the father of Gibeon, lived in Gibeon. His wife's name was Maachah. <sup>36</sup>And his first-born son *was* Abdan, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, <sup>37</sup>and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. <sup>38</sup>And Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brothers at Jerusalem, across from their brothers. <sup>39</sup>And Ner fathered Kish. And Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. <sup>40</sup>And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal. And Meribbaal fathered Micah. <sup>41</sup>And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Ahaz*; <sup>42</sup>and Ahaz; fathered Jarah. And Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza. <sup>43</sup>And Moza fathered Binea; and Rephaiah *was* his son; Eleasah, his son; Azel his son. <sup>44</sup>And to Azel *were* six sons, and these their names: Azrikam, Bacheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These *were* the sons of Azel.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And the Philistines fought with Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and fell down dead in Mount Gilboa. <sup>2</sup>And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. <sup>3</sup>And the battle *went* sorely against Saul. And the archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers. <sup>4</sup>And Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and pierce me with it, lest these uncircumcised ones come and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was very much afraid. So Saul took a sword and fell on it. <sup>5</sup>And his armor-bearer saw that Saul *was* dead, and he also fell on the sword and died. <sup>6</sup>And Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together. <sup>7</sup>And all the men of Israel in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they left their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, and *they* found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa. <sup>9</sup>And *they* stripped him, and carried his head and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry news to their idols and to the people. <sup>10</sup>And *they* put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his skull in the temple of Dagon.

<sup>11</sup>And all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul. <sup>12</sup>And all the mighty men arose and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. And *they* buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. <sup>13</sup>And Saul died for his sin which he committed against the LORD, against the word of the LORD, which he did not keep, and also for seeking of a medium, to inquire, and <sup>14</sup>inquired not of the LORD. And He killed him and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And all Israel gathered to David, to Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* your bone and your flesh. <sup>2</sup>And also in time past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD your God said to you, You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be ruler over My people Israel. <sup>3</sup>And all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron. And David made a covenant

with them in Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

<sup>4</sup>And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites *were* the people of the land. <sup>5</sup>And the people of Jebus said to David, You shall not come *in* here. But David took the stronghold of Zion, which *is* the city of David. <sup>6</sup>And David said, Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first and was chief. <sup>7</sup>And David lived in the stronghold. Therefore they called it the city of David. <sup>8</sup>And he built the city all around, even from Millo all around. And Joab repaired the rest of the city. <sup>9</sup>And David *became* greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

<sup>10</sup>And these *were* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, making themselves strong with him in his kingdom, with all Israel to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. <sup>11</sup>And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, the chief of the captains. He lifted up his spear against three hundred, who were killed by *him* at one time. <sup>12</sup>And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, he *was* one of the three mighties. <sup>13</sup>He was with David at Pasdammim. And there the Philistines were gathered together to battle and a portion of the field was full of barley. And the people fled from before the Philistines. <sup>14</sup>And they set themselves in the midst of that place, and delivered it, and killed the Philistines. And the LORD saved *them* by a great deliverance.

<sup>15</sup>And three of the mighty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam. And the Philistine army camped in the Valley of the Giants. <sup>16</sup>And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the Philistines garrison *was* then at Bethlehem. <sup>17</sup>And David longed and said, Oh that someone would give me drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem, which *was* by the gate! <sup>18</sup>And the three broke through the Philistine army and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David. But David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And he said, May my God forbid me to do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in danger? For they brought it with their lives. And he was not willing to drink it. These three mighty ones did these things.

<sup>20</sup>And Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of the three. For lifting up his spear against three hundred, he killed *them*, and had a name among the three. <sup>21</sup>Of the three, he was more honorable than the two for he was their captain. However, he did not attain the *first* three. <sup>22</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a mighty man of Kabzeel, had done many acts. He killed two lion-like men of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. <sup>23</sup>And he killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high. And in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam. And he went down to him with a staff and wrenched the spear out of the Egyptians hand, and killed him with his own spear. <sup>24</sup>These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had the name among the three mighty ones. <sup>25</sup>Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, but did not attain the *first* three. And David set him over his court.

<sup>26</sup>And the mighty ones of the army: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, <sup>27</sup>Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, <sup>28</sup>Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Ahiezer the Anathothite, <sup>29</sup>Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, <sup>30</sup>Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, <sup>31</sup>Ithai a son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, <sup>32</sup>Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbatite, <sup>33</sup>Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliabba the Shaalbonite, <sup>34</sup>the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,

Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, <sup>35</sup>Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, <sup>36</sup>Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, <sup>37</sup>Hezro of Carmel, Naarai the son of Ezbal, <sup>38</sup>Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri, <sup>39</sup>Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, <sup>40</sup>Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, <sup>41</sup>Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai, <sup>42</sup>Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, <sup>43</sup>Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, <sup>44</sup>Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, <sup>45</sup>Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, <sup>46</sup>Eliel the Mahavite, and Jereibai, and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam, and Ithma the Moabite, <sup>47</sup>Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mezobaite.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And these *were* the ones who came to David to Ziklag, while *he was* banned from the face of Saul the son of Kish. And they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war, <sup>2</sup>right and left-handed, armed with bows, with stones, and with arrows, with the bow from the brothers of Saul, of Benjamin <sup>3</sup>The chief was Ahiezer, and Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Berachah, and Jehu of Anathoth <sup>4</sup>and Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jasabad the Gederathite, <sup>5</sup>Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, <sup>6</sup>Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, <sup>7</sup>and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. <sup>8</sup>And of the Gadites mighty men separated themselves to David into the stronghold *in* the wilderness, men of the army for battle, setting in order shield and buckler, and their faces *were* the faces of a lion, and as gazelles on the heights for swiftness: <sup>9</sup>Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Ehab the third, <sup>10</sup>Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, <sup>11</sup>Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, <sup>12</sup>Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, <sup>13</sup>Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. <sup>14</sup>These *were* the sons of Gad, captains of the army. *One of* the least *was* over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. <sup>15</sup>These *were* they who went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks. And they put all *those of* the valleys to flight, toward the east and toward the west.

<sup>16</sup>And *some of* the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David. <sup>17</sup>And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, If you have come to me in peace, to help me, my heart shall be knit to you. But if you come to betray me to my enemies, *since* there is no wrong in my hands, let the God of our fathers look *on it* and rebuke it. <sup>18</sup>And the Spirit came on Amasai, chief of the captains. And he said, *We are yours*, David, and on your side, son of Jesse. Peace, peace *be* on you, and peace on your helpers. For your God has helped you. And David received them and made them captains of the band.

<sup>19</sup>And *some* from Manasseh fell to David when he came with the Philistines to battle against Saul. (But they did not help them. For the lords of the Philistines sent him away on advice, saying, He will fall to his master Saul with our heads.)

<sup>20</sup>As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him these from Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of the thousands who *were* from Manasseh. <sup>21</sup>And they helped David against the band, for they *were* all mighty men of power, and were captains in the army. <sup>22</sup>For at that time there came many to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like an army of God.

<sup>23</sup>And these *were* the numbers of the chiefs of those armed for war who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Judah bearing shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. <sup>25</sup>From the sons of Simeon the mighty men of power for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. <sup>26</sup>From the sons of Levi *were* four thousand and six hundred. <sup>27</sup>And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred. <sup>28</sup>And Zadok, a young man mighty in power, and of his fathers' house *were* twenty-two captains. <sup>29</sup>And the sons of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul *were* three thousand. And before, the most of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. <sup>30</sup>And of the sons of Ephraim *were* twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous throughout the house of their fathers. <sup>31</sup>And from the half tribe of Manasseh *were* eighteen thousand, who were chosen by name to come and make David king. <sup>32</sup>And from the sons of Issachar, *men* who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them *were* two hundred. And all their brothers *were* at their command. <sup>33</sup>From Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all the weapons of war, fifty thousand who could keep rank. They were not of a double heart. <sup>34</sup>And from Naphtali, a thousand captains; and with them with shield and spear *were* thirty-seven thousand. <sup>35</sup>And of the Danites, expert in war, *were* twenty-eight thousand, six hundred. <sup>36</sup>And of Asher, going out to the army to set in order the battle *were* forty thousand. <sup>37</sup>And on the other side of Jordan, from the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and from the half tribe of Manasseh, with all of the weapons of war for battle *were* a hundred and twenty thousand. <sup>38</sup>All these *were* men of war, keeping rank, they came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over Israel. And also all the rest of Israel *was* of one heart to make David king. <sup>39</sup>And they were with David three days, eating and drinking. For their brothers had prepared food for them. <sup>40</sup>And also those who were near them, even to Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen. And they brought food, meal, cakes of figs and bunches of raisins, and wine and oil, and oxen and sheep abundantly. For *there was* joy in Israel.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, with every leader. <sup>2</sup>And David said to all the congregation of Israel, If *it is* good to you, and if it has broken forth from the LORD our God, let us send to our brothers, those remaining in all the lands of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites in their cities that they be gathered to us. <sup>3</sup>And let us bring again the ark of our God to us. For we did not inquire at it in the days of Saul. <sup>4</sup>And all the congregation said to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. <sup>5</sup>And David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even to the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. <sup>6</sup>And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath-jearim of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, He who dwells *between* the cherubs, whose name is called *on it*. <sup>7</sup>And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab. And Uzza and Ahio led the cart. <sup>8</sup>And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with lyres, and with harps, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. <sup>9</sup>And when they came to the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark for the oxen stumbled. <sup>10</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark. And he died there before the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And David was displeased because the LORD had made a break on Uzza. And he called that



place The Breach of Uzza to this day. <sup>12</sup>And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God to me? <sup>13</sup>And David did not bring the ark to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>14</sup>And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he had.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timbers of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house. <sup>2</sup>And David saw that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted on high, because of His people Israel.

<sup>3</sup>And David took more wives at Jerusalem. And David fathered more sons and daughters. <sup>4</sup>And these *were* the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, <sup>5</sup>and I Bhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, <sup>6</sup>and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, <sup>7</sup>and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

<sup>8</sup>And the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, and all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and went out against them. <sup>9</sup>And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the Valley of the Giants. <sup>10</sup>And David asked of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said to him, Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand. <sup>11</sup>And they came up to Baal-perazim. And David struck them there. Then David said, God has broken in on my enemies by my hand like the breaking forth of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place The Breaking of Baal. <sup>12</sup>And they left their gods there. And David commanded, and they were burned with fire.

<sup>13</sup>And the Philistines still again made a raid in the valley. <sup>14</sup>And David asked again of God. And God said to him, Do not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come on them over against the weeping trees. <sup>15</sup>And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall go out to battle. For God has gone forth before you to strike the army of the Philistines. <sup>16</sup>And David did as God commanded him. And they struck the army of the Philistines from Gibeon to Gezer. <sup>17</sup>And the name of David went out into all lands. And the LORD brought the fear of him on all nations.

#### CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And David *made* houses for himself in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. <sup>2</sup>Then David said, No one *ought* to carry the ark of God except the Levites, for God has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to Him forever. <sup>3</sup>And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place which He had prepared for it. <sup>4</sup>And David gathered the sons of Aaron, and the Levites. <sup>5</sup>From the sons of Kohath: Uriel the chief, and a hundred and twenty of his brothers. <sup>6</sup>From the sons of Merari: Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brothers. <sup>7</sup>From the sons of Gershon: Joel the chief, and a hundred and thirty of his brothers. <sup>8</sup>From the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief and two hundred of his brothers. <sup>9</sup>From the sons of Hebron: Eliel the chief and eighty of his brothers. <sup>10</sup>From the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief and a hundred and twelve of his brothers.

<sup>11</sup>And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab. <sup>12</sup>And he said

to them, You *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to *the place which* I have prepared for it. <sup>13</sup>For because you did not *do it* at the first, the LORD our God made a break on us, since we did not seek Him in due order. <sup>14</sup>And the priests and the Levites made themselves pure in order to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>15</sup>And the sons of the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders, with the staves on it, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to choose their brothers to be the singers with instruments of music, lyres, and harps, and cymbals, sounding by lifting the voice with joy.

<sup>17</sup>And the Levites chose Heman the son of Joel, and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah. And from the sons of Merari their brothers, was Ethan the son of Kashaiah. <sup>18</sup>And with them were their brothers of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers. <sup>19</sup>And the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan *were chosen* to sound with cymbals of brass <sup>20</sup>and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with harps on Alamoth. <sup>21</sup>And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, were to lead with lyres on the Sheminith. <sup>22</sup>And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was* for song. He instructed about the song, because he was skillful. <sup>23</sup>And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* gatekeepers for the ark. <sup>24</sup>And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew with the trumpets before the ark of God. And Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.

<sup>25</sup>And it happened, David and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. <sup>26</sup>And it happened as God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they offered seven bulls and seven rams. <sup>27</sup>And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who carried the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers. David also *had* on him an ephod of linen. <sup>28</sup>And all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with harps and lyres.

<sup>29</sup>And it happened as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul, looking out a window, saw king David dancing and playing. And she despised him in her heart.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And they brought the ark of God and set it in the middle of the tent which David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. <sup>2</sup>And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And he divided to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread and a portion, and a raisin cake. <sup>4</sup>And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: <sup>5</sup>Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom. And Jeiel praised with instruments of harps and with lyres; and Asaph made a sound with cymbals. <sup>6</sup>Also Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests praised with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

<sup>7</sup>Then on that day David first delivered *this psalm* into the hand of Asaph and his brothers in order to thank the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the people. <sup>9</sup>Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, talk of all His wondrous works. <sup>10</sup>Glory in His holy name, let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>11</sup>Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. <sup>12</sup>Remember His marvelous works which He had done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, <sup>13</sup>O seed of Israel His servant, sons of Jacob, His chosen ones. <sup>14</sup>*He is the LORD our God. His judgments are in all the earth.* <sup>15</sup>Be always mindful of His covenant, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, <sup>16</sup>which He made with Abraham, and of His oath to Isaac. <sup>17</sup>And He has confirmed the saying to Jacob for a law, to Israel for an everlasting covenant, <sup>18</sup>saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance, <sup>19</sup>when you were but few, even a few, and strangers in it, <sup>20</sup>and they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people, <sup>21</sup>He did not allow any man to do them wrong. Yea, He reproveth kings for their sakes, <sup>22</sup>saying, Touch not My anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

<sup>23</sup>Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Show forth from day to day His salvation. <sup>24</sup>Declare His glory among the heathen, His marvelous works among all nations. <sup>25</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. *He also is to be feared above all gods.* <sup>26</sup>For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Glory and honor *are* in His presence, strength and gladness in His place. <sup>28</sup>Give to the LORD, O kindred of the people, give to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>29</sup>Give to the LORD the glory of His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. <sup>30</sup>Tremble before Him, all the earth. Yea, the earth is established, it shall not be moved. <sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. And let them say among the nations, The LORD reigns. <sup>32</sup>Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it. Let the fields rejoice, and all that is in them. <sup>33</sup>Then shall the trees of the forest sing out at the presence of the LORD, because He comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good, for His mercy endures forever.* <sup>35</sup>And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us, and deliver us from the nations, so that we may give thanks to Your holy name, *and glory in Your praise.* <sup>36</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

<sup>37</sup>And he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; <sup>38</sup>also Obed-edom, with their brothers, sixty-eight; and Obed-edom, the son of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be* gatekeepers. <sup>39</sup>*And he left* Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place at Gibeon, <sup>40</sup>to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the burnt offering morning and evening without end, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD which He commanded Israel. <sup>41</sup>And he left with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were called by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His mercy *endures forever.* <sup>42</sup>And with them were Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those making a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* gatekeepers.

<sup>43</sup>And all the people departed, each man to his house. And David returned to bless his house.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And it happened as David sat in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under

curtains. <sup>2</sup>And Nathan said to David, Do all that *is* in your heart, for God *is* with you. <sup>3</sup>And it happened the same night the word of God came to Nathan, saying, <sup>4</sup>Go and tell David My servant, So says the LORD, You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. <sup>5</sup>For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel until today, but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. <sup>6</sup>Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built Me a house of cedars? <sup>7</sup>And now you shall say this to My servant David, So says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you should be ruler over My people Israel. <sup>8</sup>And I have been with you wherever you have walked, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men in the earth. <sup>9</sup>And I will set a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall live in their place and shall be moved no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, <sup>10</sup>and since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. And I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. <sup>11</sup>And it will be, when your days have ended so that you must go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, who shall be from your sons. And I will make his kingdom sure. <sup>12</sup>He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup>I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. And I will not take My mercy away from him as I took *it* from him who was before you. <sup>14</sup>And I will settle him in My house, and in My kingdom forever. And his throne shall be established forever. <sup>15</sup>According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

<sup>16</sup>And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O, LORD God, and what *is* my house, that You have brought me here? <sup>17</sup>And this was a small thing in Your eyes, O God, for You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. <sup>18</sup>What can David *speak* more to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant! <sup>19</sup>O LORD, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all *these* great things. <sup>20</sup>O LORD, *there is* none like You, neither any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>21</sup>And what one nation in the earth *is* like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* His own people, to make You a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You have redeemed out of Egypt? <sup>22</sup>And You have chosen Your people Israel for Yourself, for a people forever. And You, LORD, became their God. <sup>23</sup>And now, O LORD, let the thing which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as You have said. <sup>24</sup>Let it even be established, so that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, a God to Israel. And *let* the house of David Your servant be established before You. <sup>25</sup>For You, O my God, have told Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found *in his heart* to pray before You. <sup>26</sup>And now, LORD, You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant. <sup>27</sup>And now let it please You to bless the house of Your servant so that it may be before You forever. For You have blessed, O LORD, and it *is* blessed forever.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this, David struck the Philistines and humbled them. And he took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup>And he struck

Moab. And the people of Moab became David's servants and brought gifts.<sup>3</sup> And David struck Hadarezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.<sup>4</sup> And David took from him a thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. David also hamstringed all the chariot horses, but kept from them a hundred chariots.<sup>5</sup> And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians.<sup>6</sup> Then David placed men in Syria of Damascus. And the Syrians became David's servants, bringing gifts. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.<sup>7</sup> And David took the shields of gold which were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.<sup>8</sup> And David brought very much bronze from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze.

<sup>9</sup>And Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadarezer king of Zobah,<sup>10</sup> he sent Hadoram his son to king David to ask of his welfare, and to praise him because he had fought against Hadarezer and had beaten him. For Hadarezer had war with Tou. And he sent all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze.<sup>11</sup> And king David dedicated them to the LORD, with the silver and the gold which he brought from all the nations, from Edom, and from Moab, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.<sup>12</sup> And Abishai the son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand of the men of Edom in the Valley of Salt.<sup>13</sup> And he put guards in Edom. And all the men of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD kept David safe wherever he went.

<sup>14</sup>And David reigned over all Israel, and did judgment and justice among all his people.<sup>15</sup> And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army. And Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder.<sup>16</sup> And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the priests. And Shavsha was scribe.<sup>17</sup> And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And the sons of David were first ones at the hand of the king.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this, Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon died. And his son reigned in his place.<sup>2</sup> And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun, in order to comfort him.<sup>3</sup> But the rulers of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, Is David honoring your father in your eyes, because he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land? <sup>4</sup>And Hanun took David's servants and shaved them, and cut off their garments in half, to the buttocks, and sent them away.<sup>5</sup> And some came and told David how the men were treated. And he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Stay at Jericho until your beards are grown, and then return.

<sup>6</sup>And the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves stink before David, and Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia and out of Maachah of Syria, and out of Zobah.<sup>7</sup> And they hired thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people, who came and pitched before Medeba. And the Ammonites gathered themselves from their cities and came to battle.<sup>8</sup> And David heard, and he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men.<sup>9</sup> And the sons of Ammon came out and put the battle in order before the gate of the city. And the kings who had

come *were* by themselves in the field. <sup>10</sup>And Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, and he chose out of all the choice young men of Israel and set in order against the Syrians. <sup>11</sup>And he delivered the rest of the people into the hand of his brother Abishai. And they set in order against the sons of Ammon. <sup>12</sup>And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me. But if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. <sup>13</sup>Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves bravely for our people, and for the cities of our God. And let the LORD do *what is* good in His sight. <sup>14</sup>And Joab and the people with him drew near before the Syrians to the battle. And they fled before him. <sup>15</sup>And when the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they also fled before his brother Abishai. And they entered into the city. And Joab came to Jerusalem.

<sup>16</sup>And the Syrians saw that they were beaten before Israel, and sent messengers and drew forth the Syrians who *were* beyond the river. And Shophach the captain of the army of Hadarezer *went* before them. <sup>17</sup>And it was told to David. And he gathered all Israel and passed over Jordan and came on them. And he set in order against them. And David set in order against the Syrians, and they fought with him. <sup>18</sup>But the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed seven thousand of the Syrians in chariots, and forty thousand footmen; and he killed Shophach the captain of the army. <sup>19</sup>And the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were beaten before Israel, and they made peace with David and became his servants. And Syria was not willing to help the sons of Ammon any more.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after the year had ended, at the time kings go forth, Joab led out the power of the army and wasted the country of the sons of Ammon. And he came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah and destroyed it. <sup>2</sup>And David took the crown of their king from off his head and found its weight a talent of gold. And precious stones *were* in it. And it was set on David's head, and he also brought exceeding much spoil out of the city. <sup>3</sup>And he brought out the people who *were* in it. And *they* sawed with saws and with sharp tools of iron, and with the axes. And so David did with the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>And it happened after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai, of the children of the giant. And they were humbled. <sup>5</sup>And there was war again with the Philistines. And Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear *was* like a weavers' beam. <sup>6</sup>And again there was a battle in Gath, and a man of stature was there, and his fingers and toes *were* twenty-four, six *on each hand* and six *on each foot*. And he also had been born son of the giant. <sup>7</sup>But he cursed Israel, and Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. <sup>8</sup>These were born to the giant in Gath. And they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to take a census of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go number Israel from Beer-sheba to Dan. And bring the number of them to me so that I may know. <sup>3</sup>And Joab answered, May the LORD make His people a hundred times as many more as *they are*. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? <sup>4</sup>But the king's word prevailed against Joab. And Joab departed and went up and down all Israel, and came again to Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>And Joab gave the sum of the census of the people to David. And in all Israel there were one million and a hundred thousand men who drew sword. And in Judah *were* four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew sword. <sup>6</sup>But Levi and Benjamin he did not count among them; for the king's word was evil to Joab. <sup>7</sup>And it was evil in the eyes of God as to this thing. And He struck Israel. <sup>8</sup>And David said to God, I have sinned greatly because I have done this thing. But now, I beseech You, remove the iniquity of Your servant for I have done very foolishly.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>10</sup>Go and speak to David, saying, So says the LORD: I offer you three *things*. Choose one of them so that I may do it to you. <sup>11</sup>And Gad came to David and said to him, So says the LORD, Choose for yourself: <sup>12</sup>either three years of famine, or three months to be swept away before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtake *you*, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, even the plague in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the border of Israel. And now say what word I shall bring again to Him who sent me. <sup>13</sup>And David said to Gad, I am in great distress. Let me fall now into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man.

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD sent a plague on Israel. And there fell seventy thousand men of Israel. <sup>15</sup>And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. And as he was destroying, the LORD looked. And He repented of the evil and said to the angel who destroyed, Enough! Stay your hand now! And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>16</sup>And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between the earth and the heavens, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem. And David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. <sup>17</sup>And David said to God, Did not I command to number the people? I am the one who *has* sinned and done evil indeed. But these sheep, what have they done? I pray You, let Your hand be on me, O LORD my God, and on my father's house, but not on Your people, that they should be plagued.

<sup>18</sup>And the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and set up an altar to the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>19</sup>And David went up at the word of Gad which he spoke in the name of the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And Ornan turned back and saw the angel. And his four sons with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat. <sup>21</sup>And David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out of the threshing-floor and bowed to David with *his* face to the ground. <sup>22</sup>Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of *this* threshing-floor, so that I may build an altar in it to the LORD. You shall give it to me for the full price, so that the plague may be stayed from the people. <sup>23</sup>And Ornan said to David, Take for yourself, and let my lord the king do *what is* good in his eyes. Lo, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the food offering. I give it all. <sup>24</sup>And king David said to Ornan, No, but I will truly buy it for the full price. For I will not take what *is* yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. <sup>25</sup>And David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold *by weight*. <sup>26</sup>And David built an altar there to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD. And He answered him from Heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering. <sup>27</sup>And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into its sheath.

<sup>28</sup>At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. <sup>29</sup>For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that time in the high place at Gibeon. <sup>30</sup>But David could

not go before it to ask of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>Then David said, *This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.* <sup>2</sup>And David commanded the strangers in the land of Israel to be gathered. And he set masons to cut squared stones to build the house of God. <sup>3</sup>And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings, and bronze in abundance without weight, <sup>4</sup>and also cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought in cedar trees in abundance to David. <sup>5</sup>And David said, Solomon my son *is young and tender, and the house to be built for the LORD is to be highly magnificent, for a name and for beauty to all the lands. I will now prepare for it. And David prepared abundantly before his death.*

<sup>6</sup>And he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. <sup>8</sup>But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, You have shed much blood and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to My name because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. <sup>9</sup>Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. And I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. <sup>10</sup>He shall build a house for My name. And he shall be My son, and *I will* be his Father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever. <sup>11</sup>Now, my son, may the LORD be with you and bless you, and build the house of the LORD your God as He has said of you. <sup>12</sup>Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and direct you concerning Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. <sup>13</sup>Then you shall be blessed, if you take heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses, concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear, nor be dismayed.

<sup>14</sup>And, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver, and of bronze and iron without weight, for it is in abundance. I have prepared timber also, and stone, and you may add to it. <sup>15</sup>And there *are* many workmen with you, cutters and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of skillful men for every kind of work. <sup>16</sup>Of the gold, the silver, and the bronze, and the iron, there *is* no number. Arise and be doing, and may the LORD be with you. <sup>17</sup>And David commanded all the rulers of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, <sup>18</sup>*Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the people of the land into my hand. And the land is humbled before the LORD and before His people.* <sup>19</sup>Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Arise therefore and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And David was old and full of days, and he made his son Solomon king over Israel. <sup>2</sup>And he gathered all the rulers of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. <sup>3</sup>And the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward. And their number by their heads, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. <sup>4</sup>Of these, twenty-four thousand *were* to set forward the work of the house of the LORD, and six thousand officers and judges. <sup>5</sup>And four thousand *were* gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which *David* made for



praising. <sup>6</sup>And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, Gershon, Kohath and Merari. <sup>7</sup>Of the men of Gershon were Laadan and Shimei. <sup>8</sup>The sons of Laadan: Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. <sup>9</sup>The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan. <sup>10</sup>And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei. <sup>11</sup>And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons. Therefore they were in one roster, according to *their* father's house. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated so that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him, and to bless in His name forever. <sup>14</sup>And *as to* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. <sup>16</sup>Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was* the chief. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah *were* very many. <sup>18</sup>Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith *was* the chief; <sup>19</sup>of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. <sup>20</sup>Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah the first, and Jesiah the second. <sup>21</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. <sup>22</sup>And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but had daughters. And their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. <sup>24</sup>These *were* the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers, the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their heads, the ones who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward. <sup>25</sup>For David said, The LORD God of Israel has given rest to His people so that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever, <sup>26</sup>and also to the Levites, so that they shall *no more* carry the tabernacle, nor any of its vessels for its service. <sup>27</sup>For by the last words of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above, <sup>28</sup>because their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God <sup>29</sup>both for the showbread, and for the fine flour for food offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all kinds of measure and size, <sup>30</sup>and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening. <sup>31</sup>And *they were* to offer all burnt sacrifices to the LORD in the sabbath, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before the LORD, <sup>32</sup>and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brothers, in the service of the house of the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And the divisions of the sons of Aaron *were*: The sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>2</sup>But Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no sons. And Eleazar and Ithamar were priests. <sup>3</sup>And David gave them duties according to their offices in their service, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar. <sup>4</sup>And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar. And *so* they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. <sup>5</sup>So they divided them by lot, one sort with another. For the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. <sup>6</sup>And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the rulers, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech

the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites. One principal household was taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

<sup>7</sup>Now the first lot came out to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, <sup>8</sup>the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, <sup>9</sup>the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, <sup>10</sup>the seventh to Hakkaz, the eighth to Abijah, <sup>11</sup>the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, <sup>12</sup>the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, <sup>13</sup>the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, <sup>14</sup>the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, <sup>15</sup>the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, <sup>16</sup>the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, <sup>17</sup>the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, <sup>18</sup>the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. <sup>19</sup>These *were* their orderings in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, to Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him. <sup>20</sup>And the rest of the sons of Levi: Of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. <sup>21</sup>Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. <sup>22</sup>Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. <sup>23</sup>And the sons of *Hebron*: Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. <sup>24</sup>Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah. *Of* the sons of Michah, Shamir. <sup>25</sup>The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah. Of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. <sup>26</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah, Beno. <sup>27</sup>The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Itri. <sup>28</sup>Of Mahli *was* Eleazar, who had no sons. <sup>29</sup>Of Kish, the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel. <sup>30</sup>The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

<sup>31</sup>And they also cast lots along with their brothers, the sons of Aaron, before David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, the head of the fathers, as well as his younger brother.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And David and the captains of the army separated to the service those of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who *were* to prophesy with lyres and with cymbals. And the number of the workmen according to their service *was*: <sup>2</sup>of the sons of Asaph, Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Adareiah, the sons under the hands of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. <sup>3</sup>Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the lyre to give thanks and to praise the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Josh-bekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. <sup>5</sup>All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

<sup>6</sup>All these *were* under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, harps and lyres, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. <sup>7</sup>So the number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all that were skillful, was two hundred *and* eighty-eight. <sup>8</sup>And they cast lots, for duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher as the pupil. <sup>9</sup>And the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph; the second *was* to Gedaliah, with his brothers and sons, twelve; <sup>10</sup>the third *was* to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve *men*; <sup>11</sup>the fourth *was* to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>12</sup>the fifth *was* to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>13</sup>the sixth *was* to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>14</sup>the seventh *was* to Jeshareiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>15</sup>the eighth *was* to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>16</sup>the ninth

was to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>17</sup>the tenth was to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>18</sup>the eleventh was to Azareel, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>19</sup>the twelfth was to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>20</sup>the thirteenth was to Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>21</sup>the fourteenth was to Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>22</sup>the fifteenth was to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve, <sup>23</sup>the sixteenth was to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>24</sup>the seventeenth was to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>25</sup>the eighteenth was to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>26</sup>the nineteenth was to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>27</sup>the twentieth was to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>28</sup>the twenty-first was to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>29</sup>the twenty-second was to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>30</sup>the twenty-third was to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>31</sup>the twenty-fourth was to Romamtiezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup> For the divisions of the gatekeepers: Of the Korhites: Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. <sup>2</sup>And the sons of Meshelemiah: Zechariah the first-born, Jediahel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, <sup>3</sup>Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Obed-edom: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth. <sup>5</sup>Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth — for God blessed him. <sup>6</sup>Also sons were born to his son Shemaiah, who ruled for the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor. <sup>7</sup>The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. <sup>8</sup>All these were the sons of Obed-edom. They and their sons and their brothers were able men for strength for the service, and there were sixty-two of Obed-edom. <sup>9</sup>And Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, strong men, eighteen. <sup>10</sup>Also to Hosah, of the sons of Merari, were sons: Simri was the chief (though not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief), <sup>11</sup>Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. <sup>12</sup>Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, having charges like their brothers, to minister in the house of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. <sup>14</sup>And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah; then Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots. And his lot came out northward. <sup>15</sup>To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse; <sup>16</sup>to Shuppim and Hosah westward, with the gate of Shallecheth, by the highway going up, guard corresponding to guard.

<sup>17</sup>Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward the storehouse, two by two. <sup>18</sup>At the Parbar, westward, four at the highway, two at the Parbar. <sup>19</sup>These are the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari. <sup>20</sup>And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God and over the treasures of the dedicated things. <sup>21</sup>The sons of Laadan, chief fathers of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli; <sup>22</sup>the sons of Jehieli: Zetham and Joel his brother, who were over the treasures of the house of the LORD, <sup>23</sup>for the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites. <sup>24</sup>And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures. <sup>25</sup>And his brothers by Eliezer: Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. <sup>26</sup>This Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasures of the holy things, which David the

king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had given. <sup>27</sup>They dedicated part of the spoils won in battles, to maintain the house of the LORD, <sup>28</sup>and all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated. Whoever had dedicated anything, it *was* at the hand of Shelomith and of his brothers.

<sup>29</sup>Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. <sup>30</sup>Of the men of Hebron, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. <sup>31</sup>Jerijah *was* the chief among the men of Hebron. He was of the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. <sup>32</sup>And his brothers, mighty men, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers whom king David made rulers over the men of Reuben, of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter having to do with God and the affairs of the king.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And the sons of Israel according to their number, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king in any matter of the divisions, who came in and went out month by month for all the months of the year, *were* twenty-four thousand of every division.

<sup>2</sup>Over the first division for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>3</sup>Of the sons of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. <sup>4</sup>And over the division of the second month *was* Dodai the Ahohite, and of his division Mikloth *was* also the ruler. In his division also *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>5</sup>The third captain of the army for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>6</sup>This *is that* Benaiah *who was* mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty. And in his division *was* Ammizabad his son. <sup>7</sup>The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>8</sup>The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shambuth the Izrahite. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>9</sup>The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>10</sup>The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the sons of Ephraim. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>11</sup>The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>12</sup>The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anethothite, of the Benjamites. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>13</sup>The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai of Netopha, of the Zarhites. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>14</sup>The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. <sup>15</sup>The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Heldai of Netopha, of Othniel. And in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

<sup>16</sup>And over the tribes of Israel, the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri. The ruler of the Simeonites *was* Shephatiah the son of Maachah. <sup>17</sup>The ruler of the Levites *was* Hashabiah the son of Kemuel. The ruler of the Aaronites *was* Zadok. <sup>18</sup>The ruler of Judah *was* Elihu, of the brothers of David. The ruler of Issachar *was* Omri the son of Michael. <sup>19</sup>The ruler of Zebulun *was* Ishmaiah

the son of Obadiah. The ruler of Naphtali was Jerimoth the son of Azriel. <sup>20</sup>The ruler of the sons of Ephraim was Hoshea the son of Azaziah. The ruler of the half *tribe* of Manasseh was Joel the son of Pedaiah. <sup>21</sup>The ruler of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead was Iddo the son of Zechariah. The ruler of Benjamin was Jaasiel the son of Abner. <sup>22</sup>The ruler of Dan was Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the rulers of the tribes of Israel.

<sup>23</sup>But David did not take the number of those from twenty years old and under, because the LORD had said *He would* increase Israel like the stars of the heavens. <sup>24</sup>Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he did not finish because wrath fell against the sons of Israel for this it. And the number did not go up in the account of the chronicles of king David.

<sup>25</sup>And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel. And over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the strongholds, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziath. <sup>26</sup>Ezri the son of Chelub was over the work of the field for farming the ground. <sup>27</sup>And over the vineyards was Shimei of Ramah. Over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. <sup>28</sup>And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Baalhanan of Geder. And over the cellars of oil was Joash. <sup>29</sup>And over the herds that fed in Sharan was Shitrai of Sharon. And over the herds in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai. <sup>30</sup>Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite. And over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite. <sup>31</sup>And over the flocks was Jaziz the son of Hagar. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

<sup>32</sup>And Jonathan, David's uncle, was an adviser, a wise man and a scribe. And Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. <sup>33</sup>And Ahithophel was the king's counselor. And Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. <sup>34</sup>And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And David gathered to Jerusalem all the rulers of Israel, the rulers of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by division, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the eunuchs and the mighty ones, even to every mighty one of valor. <sup>2</sup>And David the king stood up on his feet and said, Hear me, my brothers and my people. I *had* in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building. <sup>3</sup>But God said to me, You shall not build a house for My name, because you *have been* a man of war and have shed blood. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father *to be* king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be the ruler, and of the house of Judah the house of my father. And in my father's house He was pleased to make *me* king over all Israel. <sup>5</sup>And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. <sup>6</sup>And He said to me, Solomon your son shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him *to be* My son, and I will be his Father. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish his kingdom forever if he will always do My commandments and My judgments, as at this day. <sup>8</sup>And now in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God, so that you may possess this good land and leave *it* for an inheritance for your sons after you forever.

<sup>9</sup>And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. <sup>10</sup>Take heed now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and do it.

<sup>11</sup>And David gave to his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its innermost rooms, and of the place of the mercy-seat, <sup>12</sup>and the pattern of all that He had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the rooms all around the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things; <sup>13</sup>And for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD; <sup>14</sup>even gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of every kind of service; silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels every kind of service; <sup>15</sup>and by weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps. And *he gave* for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand; <sup>16</sup>and by weight gold for the tables of the showbread, for every table; silver for the tables of silver; <sup>17</sup>and pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins by weight for each basin, and by weight for each basin of silver; <sup>18</sup>and the altar of incense refined gold by weight, and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs, who spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

<sup>19</sup>All *was* in writing from the hand of the LORD. He made me understand all the work of this pattern. <sup>20</sup>And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it. Do not fear, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, *will be* with you. He will not fail you nor leave you until *you* have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And, behold, the divisions of the priests and the Levites *are* for all the service of the house of God. And *there shall be* with you every willing skillful man for every kind of workmanship, for any kind of service. Also the rulers and all the people *will be* according to all your words.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, *is* young and tender, and the work *is* great. For the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>And I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the bronze for *things* of bronze, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood, onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, and also stones of antimony, and stones of many colors, and every precious stone, and stones of alabaster, in abundance. <sup>3</sup>And also, because I have delighted in the house of my God, out of my own treasure of gold and silver I have given to the house of my God over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, <sup>4</sup>three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; <sup>5</sup>the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all kinds of work by the hands of skillful workers. And who *is* willing to consecrate his service this day to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>And the chiefs of the fathers, and the rulers of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. <sup>7</sup>And they gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents

of gold and ten thousand darics, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup>And he who had *precious* stones gave to the treasury of the house of the LORD by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup>And the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD. And David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

<sup>10</sup>And David blessed the LORD before all the congregation. And David said, Blessed *are* You, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, Yours *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and, the majesty. For all *that is* in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and *You* lift up *Yourself* to all as Head. <sup>12</sup>And the riches and the honor *are* from You, and You reign over all. And in Your hand *is* power and might. And *it is* in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. <sup>14</sup>But who *am* I, and who my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things *are* from You, and we have given to You that which is Yours. <sup>15</sup>For we *are* strangers before You, and pilgrims, as our fathers *were*. Our days on the earth *are* like a shadow, and none abides. <sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name *comes* from Your hand, and *is* all Your own. <sup>17</sup>I know also, my God, that You try the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. I, in the uprightness of my heart, have willingly offered all these things. And now I have seen with joy Your people who are present here to offer willingly to You. <sup>18</sup>O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and prepare their heart to You. <sup>19</sup>And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the house *for* which I have made ready.

<sup>20</sup>And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God! And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and worshiped the LORD, and *bowed* to the king. <sup>21</sup>And they sacrificed sacrifices to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the next day after that day a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. <sup>22</sup>And *they* ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* before the LORD as ruler, and Zadok *to be* as priest. <sup>23</sup>And Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of David his father. And he was blessed, and all Israel obeyed him. <sup>24</sup>And all the rulers and the mighty men, and also all the sons of king David submitted themselves to Solomon the king. <sup>25</sup>And the LORD made Solomon very great in the sight of all Israel, and placed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

<sup>26</sup>And David, the son of Jesse, reigned over all Israel. <sup>27</sup>And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>28</sup>And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor. And Solomon his son reigned in his place. <sup>29</sup>And the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, *they are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, <sup>30</sup>with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.

# THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon the son of David was made strong in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him and made him very great. <sup>2</sup>And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon. For there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. <sup>4</sup>But the ark of God David had brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>And he put the bronze altar which Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made before the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the congregation of the LORD sought to it. <sup>6</sup>And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

<sup>7</sup>In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, Ask what I shall give you. <sup>8</sup>And Solomon said to God, You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me to reign in his stead. <sup>9</sup>Now, O LORD God, Your promise to David my father has been fulfilled. For You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. <sup>10</sup>Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people. For who can judge this Your great people? <sup>11</sup>And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, nor honor, nor the life of your enemies, nor yet have asked for long life but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may judge My people, over whom I have made you king. <sup>12</sup>wisdom and knowledge *is* granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before you, nor shall any after you have the like.

<sup>13</sup>And Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel. <sup>14</sup>And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. And he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedar trees *as plentiful* as the sycamore trees in the valley. <sup>16</sup>And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt and Kue. The king's merchants received *them* from Kue at a price. <sup>17</sup>And they carried up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. And so they brought out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their hands.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon purposed to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom. <sup>2</sup>And Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand as cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

<sup>3</sup>And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, *so deal with me*. 'Behold, I build a house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to Him, and to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for



the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. <sup>5</sup>And the house which I build is great. For our God is great above all gods. <sup>6</sup>But who is able to build Him a house, since the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a house, except only to burn sacrifice before Him? <sup>7</sup>And now send me a man skillful to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and one who is skillful to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. <sup>8</sup>And send me cedar trees, fir trees, and alnum trees out of Lebanon. For I know that your servants are skillful to cut timber in Lebanon. And, behold, my servants shall be with your servants <sup>9</sup>in order to prepare plenty of timber for me. For the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. <sup>10</sup>And behold, I will give to the hewers, those who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

<sup>11</sup>And Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD has loved His people, He has made you king over them. <sup>12</sup>And Hiram said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son blessed with judgment and understanding, who might build a house for the LORD and a house for his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>And now I have sent a skillful man blessed with understanding, of Hiram my fathers, <sup>14</sup>the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson. He also can engrave any kind of engraving, and can invent every device which shall be put to him, with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your father. <sup>15</sup>And now the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants. <sup>16</sup>And we will certainly cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need. And we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa. And you shall carry it up to Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>And Solomon numbered all the aliens in the land of Israel, according to the numbering with which David his father had numbered them. And they were found to be a hundred and fifty-three thousand and six hundred. <sup>18</sup>And he set seventy thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and eighty thousand to be cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people to work.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where He appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>2</sup>And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

<sup>3</sup>Now these are the foundations Solomon laid, to build the house of God. The length by cubits according to the first measure, sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. <sup>4</sup>And the porch on the front, the length according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height a hundred and twenty. And he overlaid it inside with pure gold. <sup>5</sup>And he made the ceiling of the greater house with fir wood, which he overlaid with fine gold. And he set palm trees and chains on it. <sup>6</sup>And he covered the house with precious stones for beauty. And the gold was gold of Parvaim. <sup>7</sup>He also overlaid the house, the beams, the posts, and its walls, and its doors, with gold. And he engraved cherubs on the walls. <sup>8</sup>And he made the most holy house. Its length was by the front, of the breadth of the house,

twenty cubits, and its breadth, twenty cubits. And he overlaid it with fine gold, to six hundred talents. <sup>9</sup>And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper rooms with gold. <sup>10</sup>And in the most holy house he made two cherubs of carved work, and overlaid them with gold. <sup>11</sup>And the wings of the cherubs were twenty cubits long. One wing *was* five cubits, touching to the wall of the house; and the other wing five cubits, touching to the wing of the other cherub. <sup>12</sup>And one wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, touching to the wall of the house; and the other wing five cubits, touching to the wing of the other cherub. <sup>13</sup>The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits. And they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward.

<sup>14</sup>And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and worked cherubs on it. <sup>15</sup>He also made two pillars of thirty-five cubits high in front of the house, and the capital on the top of each of them *was* five cubits. <sup>16</sup>And he made chains, *as* in the holy place, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars. And he made a hundred pomegranates and put *them* on the chains. <sup>17</sup>And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And he called the name of the one on the right Jachin, and the name of the one on the left Boaz.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And he made an altar of bronze. Twenty cubits *was* the length of it, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height. <sup>2</sup>And He cast a sea of melted bronze, ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, and five cubits *was* its height. And a line of thirty cubits went around it. <sup>3</sup>And under it *was* the shape of oxen, under it *and* all around it for ten cubits, going all around the sea. Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast. <sup>4</sup>It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, and three facing the west, and three facing the south, and three facing the east. And the sea *was* set above on them, and all their hinder parts were inward. <sup>5</sup>And its thickness *was* a handbreadth, and its brim like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It received *and* held three thousand baths.

<sup>6</sup>He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them. They washed in them such things as they offered for the burnt offering. But the sea *was* for the priests to wash in. <sup>7</sup>And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. <sup>8</sup>And He made ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

<sup>9</sup>And he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. <sup>10</sup>And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south. <sup>11</sup>And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God: <sup>12</sup>the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the top of the pillars, <sup>13</sup>and four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths, two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two bowls of the capitals on the pillars. <sup>14</sup>He also made bases, and he made lavers on the bases; <sup>15</sup>and one sea, and twelve oxen under it. <sup>16</sup>And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their vessels of burnished bronze for king Solomon for the house of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. <sup>18</sup>And Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance. For the weight of the bronze could not be found out.

<sup>19</sup>And Solomon made all the vessels for the house of God, and the golden altar, and the tables on which the showbread was set; <sup>20</sup>and the lampstands of pure gold with their lamps, so that they should burn according to the law before the holy place; <sup>21</sup>and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, of perfect gold; <sup>22</sup>and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold; and the entrance of the house, the inner doors of it for the Holy of Holies, and the doors of the house of the temple, of gold.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated. And he put the silver and the gold, and all the vessels among the treasures of the house of God. <sup>2</sup>And Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>3</sup>And all the men of Israel gathered themselves to the king in the feast in the seventh month. <sup>4</sup>And all the elders of Israel came. And the Levites took up the ark. <sup>5</sup>And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought these up. <sup>6</sup>And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were gathered to him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen which could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. <sup>7</sup>And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, to the Holy of Holies in the house, into the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubs. <sup>8</sup>For the cherubs spread forth their wings over the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark and its staves above. <sup>9</sup>And they drew out the staves so that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle. But they were not seen outside. And there it is until this day. <sup>10</sup>Nothing was in the ark except the two tables which Moses put in it at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out of Egypt.

<sup>11</sup>And it happened as the priests came out of the holy place, — for all the priests present were sanctified, and did not wait by division. <sup>12</sup>And the Levitical singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brothers, being clothed in white linen, having cymbals and with harps and lyres, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets, — <sup>13</sup>and they were as one to the trumpeters and to the singers, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and as they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For He is good, for His mercy endures forever — the house was filled with a cloud, the house of the LORD, <sup>14</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God!

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And Solomon said, The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. <sup>2</sup>And I have built a house for You to live in, and a place for Your dwelling forever. <sup>3</sup>And the king turned his face and blessed the whole congregation of Israel. And all the congregation of Israel stood. <sup>4</sup>And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has with His hands fulfilled that which He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, <sup>5</sup>From the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt I have not chosen any city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, so that My name might be there. Nor have I chosen any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. <sup>6</sup>But now I have chosen Jerusalem, so that My name might be there, and now I have chosen David to be over My

people Israel. <sup>7</sup>And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>8</sup>But the LORD said to David my father, Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. <sup>9</sup>But you shall not build the house; but your son, who shall come forth out of your loins, shall build the house for My name. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD has lifted up His word that He has spoken. For I have risen up in place of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and I have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>11</sup>And I have put the ark in it, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the sons of Israel.

<sup>12</sup>And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands. <sup>13</sup>For Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits long and five cubits broad and three cubits high. And he had set it in the midst of the court. And he stood on it, and kneeled down on his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward Heaven. <sup>14</sup>And he said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like You in Heaven or in earth. You keep Your covenant and *show* mercy to Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. <sup>15</sup>You have kept with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him. And You spoke with Your mouth, and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. <sup>16</sup>And now, O LORD God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk in My law, as you have walked before Me. <sup>17</sup>And now, O LORD God of Israel, let Your word be proven true, which You have spoken to Your servant David. <sup>18</sup>But truly will God in deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! How much less this house which I have built? <sup>19</sup>And You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his cry, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant prays before You. <sup>20</sup>I pray that Your eyes may be open on this house day and night, on the place of which You have said that You would put Your name there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place. <sup>21</sup>And You will listen to the cries of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, which they shall make toward this place, and You will from Your dwelling-place, from Heaven, and shall hear and forgive.

<sup>22</sup>If a man sins against his neighbor, and if an oath is laid on him to make him swear, and if the oath comes before Your altar in this house, <sup>23</sup>then hear from Heaven, and do, and judge Your servants by repaying the wicked, by bringing his way back on his own head, and by justifying *the* righteous, by giving to him according to his righteousness.

<sup>24</sup>And if Your people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and if they shall return and confess Your name, and shall pray and cry before You in this house, <sup>25</sup>then hear from Heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again into the land which You give to them and to their fathers.

<sup>26</sup>When the heavens shall be shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You; if they pray toward this place, and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them, <sup>27</sup>then hear from Heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and of Your people Israel, when You have taught them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

<sup>28</sup>If there is famine in the land, if there is a plague, if blasting or mildew, locusts or ravagers, if their enemies have distressed them in the gates of their land, with

any plague and any sickness; <sup>29</sup>whatever prayer, whatever cry shall be *made* by any man, or by all Your people Israel, when everyone shall know his own plague and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house; <sup>30</sup>then hear from Heaven, Your dwelling-place, and forgive, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know. For You only know the hearts of the sons of men. <sup>31</sup>Do this so that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways, as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

<sup>32</sup>And also to the stranger who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm, if they come and pray in this house; <sup>33</sup>then hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all people of the earth may know Your name, and fear You, as Your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name.

<sup>34</sup>If Your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that You shall send them, and if they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name, <sup>35</sup>then hear from Heaven their prayer and their cry and maintain their cause. <sup>36</sup>If they sin against You (for *there is* no man who does not sin), and if You are angry with them and deliver them up before their enemies, and they carry them away captives to a land far off or near, <sup>37</sup>yet if they think within themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray to You in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done wrong and have dealt wickedly <sup>38</sup>if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity where they have carried them captives, and if they pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers and toward the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name; <sup>39</sup>then hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, their prayer and their cries, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

<sup>40</sup>Now, my God, I beseech You, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears hear the prayer *made* in this place. <sup>41</sup>And now arise, O LORD God, into Your resting-place, You, and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let Your saints rejoice in goodness. <sup>42</sup>O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed. Remember the good deeds of David Your servant.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices. And the glory of the LORD filled the house. <sup>2</sup>And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. <sup>3</sup>And when all the sons of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the house, they bowed with *their* faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying, For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>And the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. <sup>5</sup>And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. And the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. <sup>6</sup>And the priests waited on their offices, and the Levites with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because His mercy *endures* forever, when David praised by their ministry. And the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. <sup>7</sup>And Solomon

made the middle of the court before the house of the LORD holy. For there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the food offerings, and the fat.

<sup>8</sup>And at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly. For they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. <sup>10</sup>And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel His people. <sup>11</sup>So Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house. And all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he did with success.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice. <sup>13</sup>If I shut up the heavens, and there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send a plague among My people; <sup>14</sup>if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. <sup>15</sup>Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears shall be open to the prayer of this place. <sup>16</sup>For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, so that My name may be there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall be there forever. <sup>17</sup>And you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe My statutes and My judgments, <sup>18</sup>then I will make the throne of your kingdom sure, as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man *to be* ruler in Israel. <sup>19</sup>But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and if you shall go and serve other gods and worship them, <sup>20</sup>then I will pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them. And this house which I have sanctified for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations. <sup>21</sup>And this house, which is high, shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it, so that they shall shudder and say, Why has the LORD done this to this land and to this house? <sup>22</sup>And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them. Therefore He has brought all this evil on them.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And it happened at the end of twenty years, Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house. <sup>2</sup>As to the cities that Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon had built them, and he caused the sons of Israel to live there. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. <sup>4</sup>And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities which he built in Hamath. <sup>5</sup>And he built Beth-horon the upper and Beth-horon the lower, fenced cities with walls, gates, and bars. <sup>6</sup>And he built Baalath, and all the store cities which Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

<sup>7</sup>All the people who *were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, <sup>8</sup>of their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel did not destroy, Solomon made them *subject to* forced labor until this day. <sup>9</sup>And of the sons of

Israel, Solomon did not make any servants for his work. But they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. <sup>10</sup>And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, two hundred and fifty who bore rule over the people.

<sup>11</sup>And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house which he had built for her. For he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places* into which the ark of the LORD has come are holy.

<sup>12</sup>And Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch, <sup>13</sup>even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>14</sup>And according to the order of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; and the gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for so David the man of God had commanded. <sup>15</sup>And they did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. <sup>16</sup>And all the work of Solomon was prepared until the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. And the house of the LORD was complete.

<sup>17</sup>And Solomon went to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the seaside in the land of Edom. <sup>18</sup>And Hiram sent ships to him by the hand of his servants, and servants who had knowledge of *the sea*. And they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought them to king Solomon.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, and came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that carried spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones. And she came in to Solomon and spoke with him of all that was in her heart. <sup>2</sup>And Solomon told her all her questions. And there was nothing hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. <sup>3</sup>And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, <sup>4</sup>and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers and their apparel, and his burnt offerings that he offered up in the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. <sup>5</sup>And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom *is true*. <sup>6</sup>But I did not believe their words until I came, and my eyes had seen. And behold, the one half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You are greater than the fame which I heard. <sup>7</sup>Happy *are* your men, and happy *are* these your servants who stand always before you and hear your wisdom. <sup>8</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD your God, who delighted in you to set you on His throne *to be* king for the LORD your God. Because your God loved Israel to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them to do judgment and justice. <sup>9</sup>And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and an abundance of spices, and precious stones. And there has not been any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

<sup>10</sup>And also the servants of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon who brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum trees and precious stones. <sup>11</sup>And the king made terraces to the house of the LORD with the alnum trees, and terraces to the king's palace, and lyres and harps for singers. And there were none such seen before

in the land of Judah. <sup>12</sup>And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. And she returned and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

<sup>13</sup>And the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, <sup>14</sup>besides *that* from the traders, and that the merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. <sup>15</sup>And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold. Six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target. <sup>16</sup>And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold. Three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. <sup>17</sup>And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold. <sup>18</sup>And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which *were* fastened to the throne. And there were stays on each *side* of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays. <sup>19</sup>And twelve lions stood there on the one *side*, and on the other, on the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

<sup>20</sup>And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver. It was not prized in the days of Solomon. <sup>21</sup>For the king's ships went *to* Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. <sup>22</sup>And king Solomon was greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. <sup>23</sup>And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. <sup>24</sup>And they each brought his present, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and clothing, weapons, and spices, horses, and mules, a ration year by year.

<sup>25</sup>And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he put in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup>And he reigned over all the kings from the river even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. <sup>27</sup>And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedar trees as the sycamore trees which are in the low plains. <sup>28</sup>And they brought to Solomon horses out of Egypt and out of all lands.

<sup>29</sup>And the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah of Shiloh, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? <sup>30</sup>And Solomon reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel. <sup>31</sup>And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And Rehoboam went to Shechem. For all Israel had come *to* Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup>And it happened when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, *who was* in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. <sup>3</sup>And they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, <sup>4</sup>Your father made our yoke heavy. And now lighten the heavy service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.

<sup>6</sup>And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What advice do you give me to return answer to this people? <sup>7</sup>And they spoke to him saying, If you are kind to this people and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever. <sup>8</sup>But he departed from the advice which the old men gave him



and listened to the young men who were brought up with him, who stood before him. <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke which your father put on us? <sup>10</sup>And the young men who were brought up with him spoke to him saying, In this way shall you answer the people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten our yoke, this you shall say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. <sup>11</sup>And now my father put a heavy yoke on you, and I will surely add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

<sup>12</sup>And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king commanded, saying, Come again to me on the third day. <sup>13</sup>And the king answered them roughly. And king Rehoboam departed from the advice of the old men, <sup>14</sup>and answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father chastised you with whips, but I will *chastise you* with scorpions. <sup>15</sup>And the king did not listen to the people, for *the* revolution was from God so that the LORD might perform His word which He spoke by the hand of Ahijah of Shiloh to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

<sup>16</sup>And all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, and the people answered the king saying, What part do we have in David? And *we have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, O Israel! Now, David, see to your own house. And all Israel went to their tents. <sup>17</sup>As for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. <sup>18</sup>And king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who *was* over the forced labor. And the sons of Israel stoned him with stones so that he died. But king Rehoboam *was* warned to get up into his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>And Israel rebelled against the house of David until this day.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem and gathered a hundred and eighty thousand chosen warriors from the house of Judah, to fight against Israel, so that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. <sup>2</sup>But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, <sup>3</sup>Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, <sup>4</sup>So says the LORD, You shall not go up nor fight against your brothers. Let every man return to his house. For this thing is done by Me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

<sup>5</sup>And Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and built cities for defense in Judah. <sup>6</sup>And he built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, <sup>7</sup>and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, <sup>8</sup>and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, <sup>9</sup>and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, <sup>10</sup>and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities. <sup>11</sup>And he fortified the strongholds and put captains in them, and stores of food, and of oil and wine. <sup>12</sup>And he *put* in each separate city shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side. <sup>13</sup>And the priests and the Levites in all Israel presented themselves to him out of all their borders. <sup>14</sup>For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem. For Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priests' office to the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And he ordained priests for himself for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. <sup>16</sup>And after them, those who gave their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, out of all the tribes of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers. <sup>17</sup>And they made the kingdom of Judah stronger,

and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years. For three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

<sup>18</sup>And Rehoboam took Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David as a wife for himself, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse, <sup>19</sup>who bore him sons, Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. <sup>20</sup>And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom, who bore Abijah to him, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. <sup>21</sup>And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines (for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and had twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters). <sup>22</sup>And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brothers, in order to make him king. <sup>23</sup>And he dealt wisely and dispersed all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to all the fortified cities. And he gave them food in abundance. And he demanded many wives.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had made himself strong, he departed from the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him. <sup>2</sup>And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had sinned against the LORD <sup>3</sup>with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen. And the people who came with him out of Egypt were without number: Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. <sup>4</sup>And he took the fortified cities in Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the rulers of Judah who were gathered to Jerusalem because of Shishak. And *he* said to them, So says the LORD, You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak. <sup>6</sup>And the rulers of Israel and the king humbled themselves. And they said, The LORD *is* righteous. <sup>7</sup>And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD *came* to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them, but I will give them some deliverance. And My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. <sup>8</sup>But they shall be his servants, so that they may know My service, and the service of the kings of the countries. <sup>9</sup>And Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all. And he carried away the shields of gold which Solomon had made. <sup>10</sup>In place of these king Rehoboam made shields of bronze, and gave them into the hands of the chief of the guard who kept the entrance of the king's house. <sup>11</sup>And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and carried them and brought them again into the guardroom. <sup>12</sup>And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him so that He would not destroy *him* altogether. And also things *went* well in Judah.

<sup>13</sup>And king Rehoboam strengthened himself at Jerusalem, and reigned. For Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess. <sup>14</sup>And he did the evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And the wars of Rehoboam and Jeroboam *lasted* all their days. <sup>16</sup>And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And his son Abijah reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam Abijah began to reign over Judah. <sup>2</sup>He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. <sup>3</sup>And Abijah set the battle in order with an army of mighty men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. Jeroboam also set the battle in order against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of valor.

<sup>4</sup>And Abijah stood up on mount Zemaraim, in the hills of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel. <sup>5</sup>Should you not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? <sup>6</sup>Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, has risen up and has rebelled against his lord. <sup>7</sup>And there are gathered to him vain men, the sons of Belial, and have made themselves strong against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, and Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted and could not withstand them. <sup>8</sup>And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hands of the sons of David. And you *are* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. <sup>9</sup>Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made priests to yourselves like the peoples of the lands? Whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, he may be a priest of *those who are* no gods. <sup>10</sup>But as for us, Jehovah *is* our God, and we have not forsaken Him. And the priests who minister to the LORD are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait on their business. <sup>11</sup>And they burn to the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense, and the showbread on the pure table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening. For we keep the charge of the LORD our God. But you have forsaken Him. <sup>12</sup>And behold, God Himself *is* with us as Captain, and His priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!

<sup>13</sup>But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come around behind them, so that they were in front of Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them. <sup>14</sup>And Judah turned, and, behold, the battle was before and behind. And they cried to the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. <sup>15</sup>And the men of Judah shouted. And it happened as the men of Judah shouted, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. <sup>16</sup>And the sons of Israel fled before Judah. And God delivered them into their hand. <sup>17</sup>And Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter. And there fell down dead five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah won because they relied on the LORD God of their fathers.

<sup>19</sup>And Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with its villages, and Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephraim with its villages. <sup>20</sup>And Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah. And the LORD struck him and he died.

<sup>21</sup>And Abijah became mighty, and married fourteen wives, and fathered twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. <sup>22</sup>And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the inquiry of the prophet Iddo.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years. <sup>2</sup>And Asa did the good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God. <sup>3</sup>For he took

away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. <sup>5</sup>He also took out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images. And the kingdom was quiet before him. <sup>6</sup>And he built fortified cities in Judah. For the land had rest, and he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest. <sup>7</sup>And he said to Judah, Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates and bars, *while* the land is still before us. Because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought, and He has given us rest on every side. And they built and were blessed. <sup>8</sup>And Asa had an army which bore bucklers and spears, three hundred thousand out of Judah. And out of Benjamin there were two hundred and eighty thousand who bore shields and drew bows; all these mighty men of valor.

<sup>9</sup>And Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men, and three hundred chariots. And he came to Mareshah. <sup>10</sup>And Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in order in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. <sup>11</sup>And Asa cried to the LORD his God and said, LORD, it is nothing with You to help, whether with many or with him who has no power. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You *are* our God. Do not let man prevail against You. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah. And the Ethiopians fled. <sup>13</sup>And Asa and the people with him pursued them to Gerar. And the Ethiopians were overthrown so that they could not recover themselves. For they were destroyed before the LORD and before His army. And they carried away very much plunder. <sup>14</sup>And they struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came on them. And they plundered all the cities, for there was very much plunder in them. <sup>15</sup>And they struck the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance and returned to Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded. <sup>2</sup>And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. <sup>3</sup>And for a long time Israel *had been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. <sup>4</sup>And when they turned in their trouble to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. <sup>5</sup>And in those times *there was* no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles were on all the people of the lands. <sup>6</sup>And nation was beaten by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with all kinds of adversity. <sup>7</sup>But you be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.

<sup>8</sup>And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim. And he renewed the altar of the LORD before the porch of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon. For they fell to him out of Israel in great numbers, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. <sup>10</sup>And they gathered to Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. <sup>11</sup>And they offered to the LORD in that day part of the plunder which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. <sup>12</sup>And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with

all their soul,<sup>13</sup> and that whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.<sup>14</sup> And they swore to the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.<sup>15</sup> And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire. And He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

<sup>16</sup>And also as to Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove. And Asa cut down her idol and stamped it and burned it at the brook Kidron.<sup>17</sup> But the high places were not taken away out of Israel. But the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.<sup>18</sup> And he brought into the house of God the things which his father had dedicated, and which he himself had dedicated, silver and gold and vessels.<sup>19</sup> And there was no war to the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, so that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.<sup>2</sup> And Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house and sent them to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,<sup>3</sup> A treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he may depart from me.<sup>4</sup> And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.<sup>5</sup> And it happened when Baasha heard, he left off building Ramah, and let his work stop.<sup>6</sup> And Asa the king took all Judah. And they carried away the stones of Ramah, and timber with which Baasha was building. And he built with it Geba and Mizpah.

<sup>7</sup>And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand.<sup>8</sup> Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand.<sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro in all the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore from now on you shall have wars.<sup>10</sup> And Asa was angry with the seer and put him in a prison-house. For he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

<sup>11</sup>And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.<sup>12</sup> And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet, until his disease was very grievous. Yet in his disease he did not seek to the LORD, but to the physicians.<sup>13</sup> And Asa slept with his fathers and died in the forty-first year of his reign.<sup>14</sup> And they buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers art. And they made a very great burning for him.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place. And he made himself strong against Israel.<sup>2</sup> And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set troops in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.<sup>3</sup> And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father David and did not seek to Baals.<sup>4</sup> But he looked to the God of his

father, and walked in His commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD made the kingdom sure in his hand. And all Judah brought presents to Jehoshaphat. And he had great riches and honor. <sup>6</sup>And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD. And he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. <sup>7</sup>And in the third year of his reign he sent to his rulers, to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. <sup>8</sup>And with them *he sent* Levites, Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites. And with them he sent Elishama and Jehoram the priests. <sup>9</sup>And they taught in Judah and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went around throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

<sup>10</sup>And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. <sup>11</sup>And from the Philistines they brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver for tribute. Also the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

<sup>12</sup>And Jehoshaphat became exceedingly great. And he built fortresses in Judah, and store cities. <sup>13</sup>And he had much business in the cities of Judah. And the men of war, mighty men of valor, *were* in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And these *were* their numbers, for the house of their fathers from Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the chief, and with him were three hundred thousand mighty men of valor. <sup>15</sup>And on his hand, Jehohanan the captain, and with him were two hundred and eighty thousand. <sup>16</sup>And on his hand, Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. <sup>17</sup>And from Benjamin was Eliada, a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield. <sup>18</sup>And on his hand, Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and eighty thousand ready and prepared for war. <sup>19</sup>These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and he joined himself with Ahab. <sup>2</sup>And after some years *he* went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him, and for the people that were with him. And he persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead. <sup>3</sup>And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, *I am* as you, and my people are as your people, and *we* with you in the war. <sup>4</sup>And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please inquire at the word of the LORD today. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Israel gathered four hundred men of the prophets and said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I wait? And they said, Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand. <sup>6</sup>But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not a prophet of the LORD here besides, so that we might ask of Him? <sup>7</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD. But I hate him, for he never prophesied good to me, but always evil. The same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

<sup>8</sup>And the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch and said, Bring quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. <sup>9</sup>And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat each of them on his throne, clothed in robes. And *they* sat in an empty place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets prophesied before them. <sup>10</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself.

And he said, And says the LORD, With these you shall push Syria until they are crushed. <sup>11</sup>And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead and be blessed. For the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand. <sup>12</sup>And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. And please let your word be like one of theirs, and speak good. <sup>13</sup>And Micaiah said, As the LORD lives, even what my God says, that I will speak.

<sup>14</sup>And he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I wait? And he said, Go up and be blessed. And they shall be delivered into your hand. <sup>15</sup>And the king said to him, How many times shall I warn you that you say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD? <sup>16</sup>And he said, I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master; let them return, each man to his own house in peace. <sup>17</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? <sup>18</sup>Again he said, And hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of Heaven were standing on His right hand and on His left. <sup>19</sup>And the LORD said, Who shall tempt Ahab king of Israel so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spoke saying in one way, and another saying in another way. <sup>20</sup>And a spirit came out and stood before the LORD and said, I will tempt him. And the LORD said, With what? <sup>21</sup>And he said, I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, You shall tempt him, and you are able. Go out and do so. <sup>22</sup>And now behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and the LORD has spoken evil against you. <sup>23</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you? <sup>24</sup>And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself. <sup>25</sup>And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son. <sup>26</sup>And you shall say, So says the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction until I return in peace. <sup>27</sup>And Micaiah said, If you certainly return in peace, then the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, all you people.

<sup>28</sup>And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. <sup>29</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and will go to the battle. But you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself. And they went to the battle. <sup>30</sup>And the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots with him, saying, Do not fight with small or great, but only with the king of Israel. <sup>31</sup>And it happened when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, It is the king of Israel. And they surrounded him to fight. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him. And God moved them to leave him. <sup>32</sup>For it happened when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him. <sup>33</sup>And a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joinings and the breastplate. And he said to the charioteer, Turn your hand, and you shall bring me out of the army, for I am wounded.

<sup>34</sup>And the battle increased that day; and the king of Israel was made to stand up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening. And about the time of the sunset he died.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him. And he said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly and love those who hate the LORD? And wrath *is* on you from before the LORD. <sup>3</sup>But there are good things found in you, in that you have taken away the groves out of the land and have prepared your heart to seek God.

<sup>4</sup>And Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers. <sup>5</sup>And he set judges in the land, in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city. <sup>6</sup>And he said to the judges, Take heed what you do. For you do not judge for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment. <sup>7</sup>And now let the fear of the LORD be on you. Be careful and act wisely, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

<sup>8</sup>And Jehoshaphat set some of the Levites and of the priests and of the chief of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>And he charged them, saying, And you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. <sup>10</sup>And whatever cause shall come to you from your brothers that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, you shall even warn them so that they do not sin against the LORD, and wrath come on you and your brothers. Do this and you shall not sin. <sup>11</sup>And behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD. And Zebadiah the son of Ishmael *is* the ruler of the house of Judah for all the king's matters. Also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Take courage and act, and the LORD shall be with the good.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And it happened after this the sons of Moab, and the sons of Ammon came in, and with them others besides the Ammonites, to battle against Jehoshaphat. <sup>2</sup>And they came in and spoke to Jehoshaphat, saying, A great multitude has come against you from beyond the sea on this side of Syria. And behold, they *are* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* Engedi. <sup>3</sup>And Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the LORD, and called for a fast throughout all Judah. <sup>4</sup>And Judah gathered themselves to ask of the LORD. Even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, <sup>6</sup>and said, O LORD God of our Fathers, are You not God in Heaven? And do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? And *is there* not power and might in Your hand, so that none is able to withstand You? <sup>7</sup>Are You not our God? Did You not drive out the people of this land before Israel, and give it to the seed of Your friend Abraham forever? <sup>8</sup>And they lived in it. And they have built You a temple in it for Your name, saying, <sup>9</sup>If evil comes on us, whether the sword, judgment, or plague, or famine, and we stand before this house and in Your presence (for Your name *is* in this house) and cry to You in our affliction, then You will hear and help. <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, the sons of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them, <sup>11</sup>behold, they reward us by coming to cast us out of Your possession, which You have given us to inherit. <sup>12</sup>O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no might against this great company which comes against us.



Nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* on You. <sup>13</sup>And all Judah stood before the LORD with their little ones, their wives, and their sons.

<sup>14</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the congregation. <sup>15</sup>And he said, Listen, all Judah, and you people of Jerusalem, and king Jehoshaphat! So says the LORD to you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude. For the battle *is* not yours, but God's. <sup>16</sup>Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz. And you shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup>You shall not fight in this battle. Set yourselves and stand, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *will be* with you. <sup>18</sup>And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground. And all Judah and the people of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And the Levites, of the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

<sup>20</sup>And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you people of Jerusalem. Believe in the LORD your God, and so you shall be established. Believe His prophets, and so you shall be blessed. <sup>21</sup>And he consulted with the people, and he appointed singers to the LORD and praisers to praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD, for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>22</sup>And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, who had come against Judah. And they were beaten. <sup>23</sup>For the sons of Ammon and Moab stood up against the people of mount Seir to completely kill and destroy. And when they had made an end of the people of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another. <sup>24</sup>And *when* Judah came to the watchtower in the wilderness, they looked at the multitude. And behold! They *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. <sup>25</sup>And Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their plunder, they found among them in abundance both riches and precious jewels in great number *with the* dead bodies, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away. And they were three days in gathering of the plunder, it *was* so much.

<sup>26</sup>And on the fourth day they gathered themselves in the Valley of Blessing. For there they blessed the LORD. And the name of the same place was called the Valley of Blessing until this day. <sup>27</sup>And they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy. For the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. <sup>28</sup>And they came into Jerusalem with harps and with lyres, and with trumpets to the house of the LORD. <sup>29</sup>And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet. For his God gave him rest round about.

<sup>31</sup>And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah, thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. <sup>32</sup>And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not depart from it, doing the right in the sight of the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But, the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts to the God of their fathers. <sup>34</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which *has been* added to the book of the kings of Israel. <sup>35</sup>And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; he did wickedly to do *so*.

<sup>36</sup>And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish. And they made the ships in Ezion-geber. <sup>37</sup>And Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has broken your works. And the ships were broken so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place. <sup>2</sup>And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And their father gave them great gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah. But the kingdom he gave to Jehoram, because he *was* the first-born. <sup>4</sup>And when Jehoram had risen up to the kingdom of his father, he made himself strong and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also many of the rulers of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Jehoram *was* thirty-two years old when he began to reign. And he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like the house of Ahab for he had the daughter of Ahab for a wife. And he did the evil in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD was not willing to destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and as He promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

<sup>8</sup>In his days Edom revolted from under the rule of Judah, and made themselves a king. <sup>9</sup>And Jehoram went forth with his rulers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose up by night and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots. <sup>10</sup>And the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah until this day. The same time Libnah revolted from under his hand, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. <sup>11</sup>Besides he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the people of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and forced Judah also. <sup>12</sup>And a writing came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, So says the LORD God of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, <sup>13</sup>but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the people of Jerusalem to go lusting like the fornications of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers of your fathers house (who were better than you), <sup>14</sup>behold, the LORD will strike your people with a great plague, and your sons, and your wives, and all your goods. <sup>15</sup>And you *shall have* great sickness by disease in your bowels, until your bowels fall out because of the sickness day by day.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD stirred up the spirit of the Philistines against Jehoram, and of the Arabians who *were* near the Ethiopians. <sup>17</sup>And they came up into Judah and broke into it, and carried away all the stuff that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives, so that there was not a son left with him except Ahaziah, the youngest of his sons.

<sup>18</sup>And after this the LORD struck him in his bowels with a disease that could not be cured. <sup>19</sup>And it happened *as* days and as the time went out, at the end of two years, his bowels fell out because of his sickness. And he died of painful diseases. And his people made no burning for him like the burning of his fathers. <sup>20</sup>He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. And they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And the people of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place. For the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had killed all the older ones. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. <sup>2</sup>Ahaziah's dynasty was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. <sup>3</sup>He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab. For his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. <sup>4</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab. For they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his ruin.

<sup>5</sup>He also walked after their advice and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead. And the Syrians struck Jehoram. <sup>6</sup>And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. <sup>7</sup>And by coming to Jehoram, the destruction of Ahaziah was of God. He went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. <sup>8</sup>And it happened when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, and found the rulers of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, the servants of Ahaziah, he killed them. <sup>9</sup>And he looked for Ahaziah. And they caught him (for he was hidden in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. And when they had killed him, they buried him because they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat who looked to the LORD with all his heart. And the house of Ahaziah had no power still to keep the kingdom.

<sup>10</sup>And Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she arose and spoke to *destroy* all the royal seed of the house of Judah. <sup>11</sup>But Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were killed. And she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. And Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. <sup>12</sup>And he was with them six years, hidden in the house of God. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And in the seventh year Jehoiada made himself strong. And he took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri into covenant with him. <sup>2</sup>And they went about in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David. <sup>4</sup>This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be keepers of the doors. <sup>5</sup>And a third part shall be at the king's house. And a third part shall be at the gate of the foundation. And all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>But let none come into the house of the LORD except the priests, and those of the Levites who minister. They shall go in, for they are holy. But all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the Levites shall surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand. And whoever comes into the house, he shall be put to death. But you be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.

<sup>8</sup>And the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. And every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with the ones who were to go out on the sabbath. For Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions. <sup>9</sup>And Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds king David's spears and bucklers and shields, which *were* in the house of God. <sup>10</sup>And he set all the people, each man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. <sup>11</sup>And they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, Let the king live!

<sup>12</sup>And Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, and she came to the people into the house of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entrance, and the rulers and the trumpets by the king. And all the people of the land *were* rejoicing and sounding with trumpets, and the singers with instruments of music, and giving signals to praise. And Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, Treason! Treason! <sup>14</sup>And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, Take her out of the ranks. And whoever follows her shall be killed with the sword. For the priest said, Do not kill her *in* the house of the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And they laid hands on her; and she came to the entrance of the Gate of the Horses, beside the king's house, and they executed her there.

<sup>16</sup>And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people. <sup>17</sup>And all the people went to the house of Baal and broke it down, and smashed his altars and his images. And they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. <sup>18</sup>And Jehoiada chose the officers of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing with joy and with singing, by the hands of David. <sup>19</sup>And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that the unclean in any way could not go in. <sup>20</sup>And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD. And they came through the Upper Gate into the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And all the people of the land rejoiced. And the city was quiet after they had killed Athaliah with the sword.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign. And he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba. <sup>2</sup>And Joash did the right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. <sup>3</sup>And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he fathered sons and daughters

<sup>4</sup>And it happened after this, it had been in the mind of Joash to repair the house of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>And he gathered together the priests and the Levites and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money from all Israel to repair the house of your God from year to year. And see that you hasten the matter. And the Levites did not hasten it. <sup>6</sup>And the king called for Jehoiada and said to him, Why have you not made the Levites bring in the collection out of Judah and out of Jerusalem, according to Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? <sup>7</sup>For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, have broken up the house of God. And also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD they have given to Baals.

<sup>8</sup>And the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And they gave a call in Judah and in Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God *laid* on Israel in the wilderness. <sup>10</sup>And all the rulers and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and threw into the chests until *they had made* an end. <sup>11</sup>And it happened at the time the chest was brought into the king's office by the Levites, and when they saw that the money *was* abundant, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and carried it to its place again. So they did day by day, and gathered a great amount of money. <sup>12</sup>And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD. And they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also artisans in iron and bronze, to mend the house of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And the workmen worked, and the work was completed by them, and they set the house of God in its proper state and made it strong. <sup>14</sup>And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada. Of this money were made vessels for the house of the LORD, vessels to minister and to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they continually offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada. <sup>15</sup>But Jehoiada became old, and was full of days when he died. He *was* a hundred and thirty years old when he died. <sup>16</sup>And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and toward His house.

<sup>17</sup>And after the death of Jehoiada the rulers of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. <sup>18</sup>And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols. And wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. <sup>19</sup>Yet He sent prophets to them to bring them again to the LORD. And they testified against them. But they would not listen. <sup>20</sup>And the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people and said to them, So says God, Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD so that you cannot be blessed? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you. <sup>21</sup>And they conspired against him and stoned him *with* stones at the command of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD will see *you out*.

<sup>23</sup>And it happened at the end of the year the army of Syria came up against him. And they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the rulers of the people from among the people, and sent all the plunder of them to the king of Damascus. <sup>24</sup>For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the God of the fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash. <sup>25</sup>And when they had departed from him (for they left him in great diseases), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings. <sup>26</sup>And these *are* the ones who conspired against him Zabab the son of Shimeath of Ammon, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith of Moab. <sup>27</sup>And as to his sons, and the greatness of the burdens on him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

#### CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>Amaziah *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of

Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And he did the right in the eyes of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. <sup>3</sup>And it happened when the kingdom was made sure to him, he killed his servants who had killed his father, the king. <sup>4</sup>But he did not kill their sons, but as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The father shall not die for the sons, nor shall the sons die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

<sup>5</sup>And Amaziah gathered Judah and made them captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of the fathers, for all Judah and Benjamin. And he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. <sup>6</sup>And he hired a hundred thousand mighty men of war out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver. <sup>7</sup>But a man of God came to him saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel, with all the sons of Ephraim. <sup>8</sup>But if you will go, do it! Be strong for the battle, for God shall make you fall before the enemy, for God has power to help and to throw down. <sup>9</sup>And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give you much more than this. <sup>10</sup>And Amaziah separated them, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again. And their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

<sup>11</sup>And Amaziah made himself strong, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten thousand of the sons of Seir. <sup>12</sup>And the sons of Judah carried away captive ten thousand alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock so they were all broken in pieces. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell on the cities of Judah from Samaria even to Beth-horon, and struck three thousand of them and took much plunder.

<sup>14</sup>And it happened after Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the gods of the sons of Seir and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them and burned incense to them. <sup>15</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and He sent to him a prophet who said to him, Why have you sought after the gods of the people which could not deliver their own people out of your hand? <sup>16</sup>And it happened as he talked with him, the king said to him, Have we made you of the king's counsel? Stop! Why should you be stricken? And the prophet stopped. And he said, I know that God has determined to destroy you because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel. <sup>17</sup>And Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come let us look one another in the face. <sup>18</sup>And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife. And a beast of the field in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle down. <sup>19</sup>You have said, Lo, I have stricken the Edomites, and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home why should you meddle to your hurt, so that you should fall, you and Judah with you? <sup>20</sup>But Amaziah would not hear, for it was from God so that He might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom. <sup>21</sup>And Jehoash the king of Israel went up. And they saw one another in the face, he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh of Judah. <sup>22</sup>And Judah was beaten before Israel, and each man fled to his tent. <sup>23</sup>And Jehoash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the

Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. <sup>24</sup>And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels which were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

<sup>25</sup>And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz king of Israel. <sup>26</sup>And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel? <sup>27</sup>And after the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD, they made a plot against him in Jerusalem. And he fled to Lachish. But they sent to Lachish after him and killed him there. <sup>28</sup>And they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, and he *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in his father Amaziah's place. <sup>2</sup>He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king lay with his fathers. <sup>3</sup>Uzziah *was* sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did. <sup>5</sup>And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God. As long as he sought the LORD, God blessed him. <sup>6</sup>And he went out and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities around Ashdod, and among the Philistines. <sup>7</sup>And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and the Meunites. <sup>8</sup>And the Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah. And his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt, for he was made very strong. <sup>9</sup>And, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. <sup>10</sup>And he built towers in the desert, and dug many wells. For he had many cattle, both in the low country and in the plains. He also had husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains, and in Carmel. For he loved the earth. <sup>11</sup>And, Uzziah had an army of making war, going out to war by troops, according to the number of their oversight by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. <sup>12</sup>The whole number of the heads of the fathers of the mighty men of power *was* two thousand and six hundred. <sup>13</sup>And under their hand *was* an army of three hundred and seven thousand, five hundred, that made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy. <sup>14</sup>And Uzziah prepared for them, for all the army, shields and spears and helmets and coats of armor and bows and stones for the slings. <sup>15</sup>And he made engines in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad. For he was wonderfully helped until he was strong. <sup>16</sup>But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to ruin. For he sinned against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup>And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD, mighty men. <sup>18</sup>And they withstood Uzziah the king and said to him, *It is* not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the temple, for you have sinned. Nor *shall it be* for your honor from the LORD God. <sup>19</sup>And Uzziah was angry. And *he had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. <sup>20</sup>And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him. And,

behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead! And they thrust him out from there. Yes, he himself hurried to go out also, because the LORD had stricken him. <sup>21</sup>And Uzziah the king *was* a leper until the day of his death, and lived *in* a separate house a leper. For he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land. <sup>22</sup>And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. <sup>23</sup>And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial of the kings. For they said, He *is* a leper. And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

#### CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>Jotham *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. <sup>2</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did. Only, he did not enter into the temple of the LORD. And the people still did evilly. <sup>3</sup>He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. <sup>4</sup>And he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built palaces and towers. <sup>5</sup>And He fought with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed over them. And the sons of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. This the sons of Ammon paid to him, *both* the second year and the third. <sup>6</sup>And Jotham became mighty because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God. <sup>7</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. <sup>8</sup>He *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

#### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. But he did not do the right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father. <sup>2</sup>For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molded images for Baals. <sup>3</sup>And he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his sons in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. And they struck him and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter.

<sup>6</sup>And Pekah the son of Remaliah killed a hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all mighty men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. <sup>7</sup>And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah who *was* next to the king. <sup>8</sup>And the sons of Israel carried away captive two hundred thousand of their brothers, women, and daughters, and also took away much plunder from them and brought the plunder to Samaria. <sup>9</sup>But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded. And he went out before the army that came to Samaria and said to them, Behold, because the Lord God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hands, and you have killed them in a rage which reaches up to Heaven. <sup>10</sup>And now you intend to keep under the sons of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen to you. *Are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God? <sup>11</sup>And now hear me, and



deliver again the captives which you have taken captive of your brothers. For the fierce wrath of the LORD is on you. <sup>12</sup>And certain of the heads of the sons of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them who came from the war. <sup>13</sup>And they said to them, You shall not bring the captives here. For we have offended the LORD, and you intend to add to our sins and to our trespass. For our trespass is great, and *there* is fierce wrath against Israel. <sup>14</sup>And the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the rulers and all the congregation. <sup>15</sup>And the men who were called by name rose up and took the captives and clothed all that were naked among them with the plunder, and dressed them, and shod them, and made them eat and drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble ones on asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. And they returned to Samaria.

<sup>16</sup>At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. <sup>17</sup>For again the Edomites had come and had beaten Judah and had carried away captives. <sup>18</sup>The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with its villages, and Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo and its villages. And they lived there. <sup>19</sup>For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel. For he loosed *immorality* in Judah, and sinned grievously against the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him and troubled him, but did not strengthen him. <sup>21</sup>For Ahaz took away a portion of the house of the LORD, and of the house of the king, and of the rulers, and gave it to the king of Assyria. But he did not help him. <sup>22</sup>And in the time of his distress he trespassed even more against the LORD, this king Ahaz. <sup>23</sup>For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus who struck him. And he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them so that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel. <sup>24</sup>And Ahaz gathered the vessels of the house of God and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD. And *he* made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. <sup>25</sup>And in each separate city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

<sup>26</sup>And the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. <sup>27</sup>And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem. But they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. And his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. <sup>2</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. <sup>3</sup>In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. <sup>4</sup>And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them into the east street. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, Hear me, Levites, now sanctify yourselves and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the filthiness out of the holy place. <sup>6</sup>For our fathers have sinned and did the evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken Him, and have turned away their faces from the house of the LORD, and have turned *their* backs. <sup>7</sup>Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. <sup>8</sup>Therefore the wrath of the LORD was on Judah and Jerusalem, and He has delivered them to trouble,

to ruin, and to hissing as you see with your eyes. <sup>9</sup>For lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this. <sup>10</sup>And *it is* in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us. <sup>11</sup>My sons, do not be negligent now. For the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense.

<sup>12</sup>And the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites. And of the sons of Merari arose Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jahalelel. And of the Gershonites: Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah. <sup>13</sup>And of the sons of Elizaphan: Shimri and Jeiel. And of the sons of Asaph: Zechariah and Mattaniah. <sup>14</sup>And of the sons of Heman: Jehiel and Shimei. And of the sons of Jeduthun: Shemaiah and Uzziel. <sup>15</sup>And they gathered their brothers and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the command of the king, by the words of the LORD, to clean the house of the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to clean *it*. And they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it* out to the brook Kidron. <sup>17</sup>And they began to sanctify on the first of the first month. And on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of the LORD. And they made the house of the LORD pure in eight days, and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. <sup>18</sup>And they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, We have cleaned all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and the showbread table, and all its vessels. <sup>19</sup>And we have prepared and sanctified all the vessels which king Ahaz in his reign cast away in his sin. And behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>And Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And they brought seven bulls and seven rams and seven lambs and seven he-goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the holy place, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled *it* on the altar. And they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood on the altar. <sup>23</sup>And they brought out the he-goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation. And they laid their hands on them. <sup>24</sup>And the priest killed them, and they made atonement with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel. For the king commanded the burnt offering and the sin offering *to be made* for all Israel. <sup>25</sup>And he set the Levites *in* the house of the LORD with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, according to the command of David, and of Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet. For the commandment *was* by the hand of the LORD by His prophets. <sup>26</sup>And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. <sup>27</sup>And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began with the trumpets and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. <sup>28</sup>And all the congregation worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. *All this went on* until the burnt offering was finished. <sup>29</sup>And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all who *were* present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.

<sup>30</sup>And Hezekiah the king and the rulers commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. <sup>31</sup>And

Hezekiah answered and said, And you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD. Come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings. And as many as were of a free heart *brought* burnt offerings. <sup>32</sup>And the number of the burnt offerings which the congregation brought was seventy bulls, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs. All these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>33</sup>And the things consecrated *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. <sup>34</sup>But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings. And their brothers the Levites helped them until the work *was* ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves. For the Levites *were* more upright of heart to make themselves pure than the priests. <sup>35</sup>And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. And the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. <sup>36</sup>And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people. For the thing happened suddenly.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel. <sup>2</sup>And the king and his leaders, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, took counsel to keep the Passover in the second month. <sup>3</sup>For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not made themselves pure enough, nor had the people gathered to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. <sup>5</sup>And they established a decree to send a notice throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem. For not many of *them* had done as it was written. <sup>6</sup>And the runners went with the letters from the king and his rulers to Israel and Judah, and according to the command of the king, saying, O sons of Israel, turn again to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped out of the hands of the king of Assyria. <sup>7</sup>And do not be like your fathers and like your brothers who sinned against the LORD God of their fathers, and He made them for a horror, as you see. <sup>8</sup>And do not be stiffnecked like your fathers. Yield yourselves to the LORD and enter into His temple which He has sanctified forever. And serve the LORD your God, so that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. <sup>9</sup>For if you turn again to the LORD, your brothers and your sons shall find pity before those who lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face away from you if you return to Him.

<sup>10</sup>And the runners passed from city to city in the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun. But they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. <sup>11</sup>However, many from Asher and Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the command of the king and of the rulers, by the word of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>And many people gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great congregation. <sup>14</sup>And they arose and took away the altars in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and threw *them* into the brook Kidron. <sup>15</sup>And they killed the Passover on the fourteenth of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed and made themselves pure, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. <sup>16</sup>And they stood in their place in their manner, according to the law

of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood from the hand of the Levites. <sup>17</sup>For many in the congregation *were* not sanctified. And the Levites had charge of the killing of the passovers for every one who *was* not clean, to sanctify *them* to the LORD. <sup>18</sup>For many of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not been cleansed, but ate the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, May the good LORD pardon everyone <sup>19</sup>who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

<sup>21</sup>And the sons of Israel found at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* seven days with great gladness. And the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day with loud instruments to the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And Hezekiah spoke comfortably to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD. And they ate the appointed things seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. <sup>23</sup>And the whole gathering agreed to keep another seven days. And they kept *another* seven days with gladness. <sup>24</sup>For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep. And the rulers gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified themselves. <sup>25</sup>And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. <sup>26</sup>And there was great joy in Jerusalem. For from the days of Solomon the son of David the king of Israel *there was* nothing like this in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>And the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people. And their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling-place, to Heaven.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, also in Ephraim and Manasseh, even to the end. And all the sons of Israel returned, each to his possession, into their own cities.

<sup>2</sup>And Hezekiah set the courses of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And the king's portion from his goods *was* for burnt offerings, and for peace offerings, of the morning and the evening and the burnt offerings of the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites so that they might be strong in the law of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>And as the command spread, the sons of Israel brought plentifully of the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field. And the tithes of all *things* they brought in abundance. <sup>6</sup>And the sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithes of oxen and sheep, and the tithes of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and laid it up by heaps. <sup>7</sup>In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished in the seventh month. <sup>8</sup>And Hezekiah and the rulers came and saw the heaps, and they blessed the LORD and His people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And Hezekiah asked the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. <sup>10</sup>And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the

house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left. For the LORD has blessed His people, and that which is left is this great store.

<sup>11</sup>And Hezekiah commanded storehouses to be prepared in the house of the LORD. And they prepared, <sup>12</sup>and brought in the offerings and the tithes and the things dedicated to God faithfully. And over them *was* Cononiah the Levite ruler, and Shimei his brother the next. <sup>13</sup>And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the command of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. <sup>14</sup>And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper toward the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the sacrifices of the LORD and the most holy things. <sup>15</sup>And next to him Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amaliah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brothers by divisions, to the great as well as to the small, <sup>16</sup>besides registering the males from three years and upward, to everyone who enters into the house of the LORD, giving *his* daily portion for their service in their charges according to their divisions <sup>17</sup>both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, and their charges by their divisions, <sup>18</sup>and to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation. For in their set office they set themselves apart in holiness. <sup>19</sup>And to the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in each separate city *were* the men who were named by name, to give shares to all the males among the priests, and to all who were counted by genealogies among the Levites. <sup>20</sup>And Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and did the good and the right and the true before the LORD his God. <sup>21</sup>And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

## CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>After these things done in faithfulness, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came and entered into Judah, and camped against the fortified cities, and commanded to break them open to himself. <sup>2</sup>And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he *had set* his face to fight against Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup>he took counsel with his rulers and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains outside the city. And they helped him. <sup>4</sup>And there were gathered many people, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook which ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the king of Assyria come and find much water? <sup>5</sup>And he made himself strong and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. <sup>6</sup>And he set captains of war over the people and gathered them to himself in the street of the gate of the city. And he spoke to them comfortably, saying, <sup>7</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the king of Assyria, or for all the multitude that *is* with him. For *there are* more with us than with him. <sup>8</sup>With him *is* an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

<sup>9</sup>After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem — and he *was* by Lachish, and all his power with him against to Hezekiah king of Judah, and against all Judah that *was* at Jerusalem, saying, <sup>10</sup>Sennacherib king of Assyria says this, On what do you trust that you abide in the stronghold of Jerusalem?

<sup>11</sup>Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and

by thirst, saying, Jehovah our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>12</sup>Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on it? <sup>13</sup>Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the people of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hands? <sup>14</sup>Who among all the gods of those nations that my fathers completely destroyed is able to deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? <sup>15</sup>And now do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you in this way, nor yet believe him. For no god of any nation was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less shall your god deliver you out of my hand? <sup>16</sup>And his servants spoke still more against the LORD God, and against His servant Hezekiah.

<sup>17</sup>He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver His people out of my hand. <sup>18</sup>And they cried out with a loud voice *in Jewish* to the people of Jerusalem on the wall, in order to frighten them and to trouble them, so that they might take the city. <sup>19</sup>And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the peoples of the earth, the work of the hands of man. <sup>20</sup>And for this reason Hezekiah the king and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz prayed and cried to Heaven.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD sent an angel to cut off all the mighty men of power, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. And he returned with shame of face to his own land. And he came into the house of his god, and those from his own bowels killed him there with the sword.

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side. <sup>23</sup>And many brought gifts to the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from that time on.

<sup>24</sup>In those days Hezekiah was sick to death, and prayed to the LORD. And He spoke to him, and He gave him a sign. <sup>25</sup>But Hezekiah did not give again according to the good *done* to him, for his heart was lifted up. And there was wrath on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup>And Hezekiah was humbled for the pride of his heart, he and the people of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah. <sup>27</sup>And Hezekiah had exceedingly much riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of pleasant jewels. <sup>28</sup>And he made storehouses for the increase of grain and wine and oil, and stalls for all kinds of animals, and cotes for flocks. <sup>29</sup>And he provided himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds, in abundance. For God had given him very many things. <sup>30</sup>And Hezekiah himself stopped the upper water courses of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah was blessed in all his works. <sup>31</sup>But, *in regard* to the ambassadors of the rulers of Babylon who sent to him to ask about the wonder that was done in the land, God left him in order to try him, so that He might know all that *was* in his heart.

<sup>32</sup>And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. <sup>33</sup>And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the highest of the tombs of the sons of David. And all Judah and

the people of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And his son Manasseh reigned in his place.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>But he did the evil in the sight of the LORD, like the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the sons of Israel. <sup>3</sup>For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for the Baals, and made groves, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. <sup>4</sup>And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall My name be forever. <sup>5</sup>And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom. He also practiced secret arts, and used fortune-telling, and used witchcraft, and dealt with mediums, and with soothsayers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD in order to provoke Him to anger. <sup>7</sup>And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. <sup>8</sup>Nor will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have set apart for your fathers, so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. <sup>9</sup>And Manasseh made Judah and the people of Jerusalem to err, to do worse than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the sons of Israel. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and to His people, but they would not listen. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh among the thorns and bound him with chains and carried him to Babylon. <sup>12</sup>And when he was in affliction, he sought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. <sup>13</sup>And he prayed to Him, and He was entreated of him, and heard his prayer, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. And Manasseh knew the LORD was God. <sup>14</sup>And after this he built a wall outside the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the Fish Gate, and went around Ophel, and raised it to a very great height. And he put captains of war in all the fortified cities of Judah. <sup>15</sup>And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and threw *them* out of the city. <sup>16</sup>And he repaired the altar of the LORD and sacrificed on it peace offerings and thank-offerings. And he commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. <sup>17</sup>But the people still sacrificed in the high places, but only to the LORD their God.

<sup>18</sup>And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the Book of the Kings of Israel; <sup>19</sup>and his prayer, and his entreaty, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled, behold, they *are written* among the Matters of the Seers. <sup>20</sup>And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

<sup>21</sup>Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>And he did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did; and to all the graven images that his father Manasseh had made, Amon sacrificed, and served them. <sup>23</sup>And *he* did not bow before the LORD, like

the humbling of his father Manasseh. For Amon himself multiplied guilt. <sup>24</sup>And his servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house. <sup>25</sup>And the people of the land killed all those who conspired against king Amon. And the people of the land made his son Josiah to reign in his place.

#### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. <sup>2</sup>And he did the right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and did not turn aside to *the* right nor to *the* left. <sup>3</sup>For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek after the God of David his father. And in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. <sup>4</sup>And they broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence. And he cut down the images which were on high above them, and the groves. And the carved images and the molten images he also broke in pieces and made dust from them, and scattered on the graves of the ones who had sacrificed to them. <sup>5</sup>And he burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And so he did in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their tools round about. <sup>7</sup>And he broke down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the idols in all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>8</sup>And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. <sup>9</sup>And they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, and they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and they returned to Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>And they put it in the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. And they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and mend the house. <sup>11</sup>They gave to the artisans and builders, to buy cut stone and timber for joints, and beams to build up the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. <sup>12</sup>And the men did the work faithfully. And the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, and of the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music; <sup>13</sup>and over the bearers of burdens, and overseers of all who worked the work in any manner of service. And of the Levites were scribes and officers and gatekeepers.

<sup>14</sup>And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiyah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD by Moses. <sup>15</sup>And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan. <sup>16</sup>And Shaphan carried the Book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was given into the hands of your servants, they are doing. <sup>17</sup>And they poured out the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. <sup>18</sup>And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. <sup>19</sup>And it happened when the king heard the words of the law, he tore his garments. <sup>20</sup>And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan. and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, <sup>21</sup>Go inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah,



concerning the words of the book that is found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD to do according to all that is written in this Book. <sup>22</sup>And Hilkiah, and those of the king, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the keeper of the robes. (And she lived in Jerusalem in the second part.) And they spoke to her about this. <sup>23</sup>And she answered them, So says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me, <sup>24</sup>So says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil on this place and upon its people, all the curses that are written in the Book which they have read before the king of Judah, <sup>25</sup>because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, so that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. And My wrath shall be poured out on this place and shall not be quenched. <sup>26</sup>And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall you say to him, So says the LORD God of Israel whose words you have heard, <sup>27</sup>Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before your God when you heard His words against this place and against its people, and humbled yourself before Me, and tore your garments and wept before Me, I have even heard also, says the LORD. <sup>28</sup>Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, nor shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring on this place and upon its people. And they brought the king word again.

<sup>29</sup>And the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup>And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people from the greatest to the smallest. And he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. <sup>32</sup>And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin, and the people of Jerusalem, to stand to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. <sup>33</sup>And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the territories that belonged to the sons of Israel. And he made all that were present in Israel to serve, to serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not depart from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem. And they killed the passover lamb on the fourteenth of the first month. <sup>2</sup>And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall not be a burden on your shoulders. And serve the LORD your God and His people Israel, <sup>4</sup>and prepare by the houses of your fathers, according to your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. <sup>5</sup>And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers, the sons of the people, and the division of the families of the Levites. <sup>6</sup>And kill the passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brothers so that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. <sup>7</sup>And Josiah gave to the people from the flock, lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls. These were from what the king owned. <sup>8</sup>And his rulers offered to the people, to the priests, and to the

Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand, six hundred bulls, and three hundred oxen. <sup>9</sup>And Conaniah, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand bulls and five hundred oxen. <sup>10</sup>And the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command. <sup>11</sup>And they killed the passover lamb, and the priests sprinkled from their hands, and the Levites skinned them. <sup>12</sup>And they removed the burnt offerings so that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses; and so *they did* to the oxen. <sup>13</sup>And they roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the law. But the holy offerings they boiled in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and carried to all the sons of the people. <sup>14</sup>And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron *were* offering up the burnt offerings and the fat until nightfall. And the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron. <sup>15</sup>And the singers, the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, the king's seer. And the gatekeepers *were* at every gate. It was not for them to depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. <sup>16</sup>And all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of king Josiah. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Israel present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened *bread* seven days. <sup>18</sup>And there was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet. Yea, none of the kings of Israel kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel, and the people of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>This Passover was kept in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah.

<sup>20</sup>After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates. And Josiah went out against him. <sup>21</sup>But he sent messengers to him, saying, What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I do not come against you today, but against the house with which I have war. For God commanded me to make haste. You must cease from meddling with God, who is with me, so that He does not destroy you. <sup>22</sup>But Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him. And he did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. <sup>23</sup>And the archers shot at king Josiah. And the king said to his servants, Take me away, for I am sorely wounded. <sup>24</sup>And his servants took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. <sup>25</sup>And Jeremiah mourned for Josiah. And all the singing men and the singing women have spoken of Josiah in their lamentations until this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel. And behold, they are written in the Lamentations. <sup>26</sup>And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, *are* according as it is written in the law of the LORD, <sup>27</sup>and his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

## CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and laid a fine of a hundred talents of silver

and a talent of gold on the land. <sup>4</sup>And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother and carried him to Egypt.

<sup>5</sup>Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD his God. <sup>6</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him and bound him in chains to carry him to Babylon. <sup>7</sup>And Nebuchadnezzar carried away some of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. <sup>8</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

<sup>9</sup>Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>And when the year had ended, king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable vessels of the house of the LORD. And he made his brother Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>11</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>And he did the evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He was not humbled before Jeremiah the prophet, from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. But he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning to the LORD God of Israel.

<sup>14</sup>Also all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD which He had made holy in Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending, for He had pity on His people and on His dwelling-place. <sup>16</sup>But they mocked the messengers of God and despised His words, and ill-treated His prophets until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no healing. <sup>17</sup>And He caused the king of the Chaldeans to go up against them. And he killed their choice ones by the sword in the house of their holy place, and had no pity on the young man and the virgin, the old man and the very aged; He gave all into his hand. <sup>18</sup>And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his rulers, he brought all these to Babylon. <sup>19</sup>And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all the palaces of it with fire, and destroyed all its beautiful vessels. <sup>20</sup>And the ones who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>21</sup>to fulfill the word of the LORD in the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of the desolation it kept the sabbath, to the full measure of seventy years.

<sup>22</sup>And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of the LORD in the mouth of Jeremiah might be done, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, <sup>23</sup>So says Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth have been given to me by the LORD God. And He has commanded me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

# THE BOOK OF EZRA

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. <sup>3</sup>Who is there among you of all His people? Let his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of Jehovah God of Israel (He is God) which is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And whoever remains in any place where he resides, let the men of his place help him with silver and with gold and with goods and with animals, besides the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>And the chiefs of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, and all whose spirit God had raised, rose up to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And all those who were around them made their hands strong with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

<sup>7</sup>And Cyrus the king brought out the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his gods. <sup>8</sup>Even those Cyrus king of Persia brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. <sup>9</sup>And this is the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives, <sup>10</sup>thirty basins of gold, four hundred and ten silver basins of a second kind, and a thousand other vessels. <sup>11</sup>All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And these are the sons of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been exiled, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled to Babylon. And these came again to Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his city.

<sup>2</sup>These are the ones who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. This is the number of the men of the people of the sons of Israel: <sup>3</sup>The sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two. <sup>4</sup>The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. <sup>5</sup>The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five. <sup>6</sup>The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. <sup>7</sup>The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. <sup>8</sup>The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five. <sup>9</sup>The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. <sup>10</sup>The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two. <sup>11</sup>The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Azgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six. <sup>14</sup>The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three. <sup>18</sup>The sons of Jorah, a hundred and twelve. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three. <sup>20</sup>The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five. <sup>21</sup>The sons of Bethlehem, a hundred and twenty-three. <sup>22</sup>The men of Netophah, fifty-six. <sup>23</sup>The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two. <sup>25</sup>The sons of Kirjath-avim, Chephirah, and Beeroth seven hundred and

forty-three. <sup>26</sup>The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one. <sup>27</sup>The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two. <sup>28</sup>The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three. <sup>29</sup>The men of Nebo, fifty-two. <sup>30</sup>The men of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six. <sup>31</sup>The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. <sup>32</sup>The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty. <sup>33</sup>The sons of Lod, Hadid and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five. <sup>34</sup>The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five. <sup>35</sup>The sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty. <sup>36</sup>The priests: The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua nine hundred and seventy-three. <sup>37</sup>The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. <sup>38</sup>The sons of Pashur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. <sup>39</sup>The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. <sup>40</sup>The Levites: The sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah seventy-four. <sup>41</sup>The singers: The sons of Asaph, a hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>42</sup>The sons of the gatekeepers: The sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-nine.

<sup>43</sup>The temple-slaves: The sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, <sup>44</sup>the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon, <sup>45</sup>the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, <sup>46</sup>the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan, <sup>47</sup>the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, <sup>48</sup>the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, <sup>49</sup>the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, <sup>50</sup>the sons of Asnah, the sons of Mehumim, the sons of Nephusim, <sup>51</sup>the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, <sup>52</sup>the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, <sup>53</sup>the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Thamah, <sup>54</sup>the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha. <sup>55</sup>The sons of Solomon's servants: The sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda, <sup>56</sup>the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, <sup>57</sup>the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Ami. <sup>58</sup>All the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants three hundred and ninety-two.

<sup>59</sup>And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they could not show their father's house and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel: <sup>60</sup>the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two. <sup>61</sup>And of the sons of the priests, the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai (who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name). <sup>62</sup>These looked for their register *among* those who were counted by genealogy, but they were not found. Therefore they were polluted from the priesthood. <sup>63</sup>And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

<sup>64</sup>The whole congregation together *was* forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty, <sup>65</sup>besides their servants and their maids, seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And among them *were* two hundred singing men and singing women. <sup>66</sup>Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules, two hundred and forty-five, <sup>67</sup>their camels, four hundred and thirty-five, *their* asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

<sup>68</sup>And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place. <sup>69</sup>They gave according to their ability to the treasure of the work, six hundred and one thousand drachmas of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priest's garments. <sup>70</sup>And the priests, and the Levites, and many of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple slaves, lived in their cities. And all Israel in their cities.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And when the seventh month had come, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves as one man to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers. And they built the altar of the God of Israel in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup>And they set the altar on its bases, for fear was on them because of the people of those countries. And they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings both morning and evening. <sup>4</sup>And they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required. <sup>5</sup>And afterward they offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were set apart, and of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not laid. <sup>7</sup>They gave money also to the masons and to the carpenters. And they gave meat and drink and oil to the people of Sidon and to the people of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia. <sup>8</sup>And in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all they who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began. And they chose the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Jeshua stood up together with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, to set forward the workmen in the house of God the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites. <sup>10</sup>And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their robes with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup>And they sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, because *He is good*, for His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. <sup>12</sup>But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, ancient men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice. And many shouted aloud for joy <sup>13</sup>so that the people could not tell the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people. For the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the captivity built the temple to the LORD God of Israel, <sup>2</sup>then they came to Zerubbabel and to the chief of the fathers, and said to them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, even as you. And we have sacrificed to him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here. <sup>3</sup>But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us to build a house to our God. But we ourselves together will build to the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us. <sup>4</sup>Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building. <sup>5</sup>And they hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

<sup>6</sup>And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the people of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel and the rest of their companions, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia. And the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. <sup>8</sup>Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this way. <sup>9</sup>Then Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the judges, and the emissaries, the consuls, the officials, the Erechites, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites, <sup>10</sup>and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest of *the province* Beyond the River, and now, <sup>11</sup>this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him, to Artaxerxes the king. Your servants the men of *the province* Beyond the River, and so now, <sup>12</sup>let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and the evil city, and have set up its wall, and have joined the foundations. <sup>13</sup>And let it be known to the king that if this city is built and the walls set up, then they will not pay toll, taxes, or custom, and you shall endanger the strength of the kings. <sup>14</sup>And because we have eaten the salt of the palace, and it was not right for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and notified the king, <sup>15</sup>so that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers, and you shall find in the book of the records, and shall know that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces, and that they have rebelled in it in the past, for which cause that city was destroyed. <sup>16</sup>We notify the king that if this city is built and the walls of it set up, then you shall have no portion Beyond the River.

<sup>17</sup>The message the king sent to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their associates who sit in Samaria, and to the rest Beyond the River, Peace! And now, <sup>18</sup>the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me. <sup>19</sup>And I commanded, and search has been made, and it is found that this city has lifted up itself against kings in the past, and rebellion and revolt have been made in it. <sup>20</sup>There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all Beyond the River. And toll, taxes, and custom was paid to them. <sup>21</sup>Now make a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not built until the decree shall be given from me. <sup>22</sup>And beware of being careless to do this. Why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings? <sup>23</sup>And when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they hurried to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them stop by force and power. <sup>24</sup>Then the work of the house of God at Jerusalem ceased. So it ceased to the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *who was* over them. <sup>2</sup>Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God at Jerusalem. And with them *were* the prophets of God helping them. <sup>3</sup>At the same time Tattai, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, came to them and said this to them: Who has commanded you to build this house and to make this wall? <sup>4</sup>So then we said to them: What are the names of the men who are building this building? <sup>5</sup>But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, so that they could not cause them to stop until the matter came to Darius, and answer by letter concerning this had been returned. <sup>6</sup>The

copy of the letter which Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions, the officials Beyond the River, sent to Darius the king: <sup>7</sup>They sent a letter to him, in which this was written, To Darius the king, all peace: <sup>8</sup>Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is being built with great stones, and timber is being laid in the walls, and this work goes on fast and is blessed in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Then we asked those elders *and* said this to them, Who commanded you to build this house and to make these walls? <sup>10</sup>We also asked their names in order to notify you so that we might write the names of the men who *are* the chief of them. <sup>11</sup>and they returned this answer to us, saying, We are the servants of the God of Heaven and earth. And *we* build the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and set up. <sup>12</sup>But after our fathers had provoked the God of Heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried the people away to Babylon. <sup>13</sup>But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, king Cyrus gave an order to build this house of God. <sup>14</sup>And also the vessels of gold and silver from the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor. <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, Take these vessels and go. Carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in His place. <sup>16</sup>Then the same Sheshbazzar came *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem. And since that time even until now it has been building, but is not finished. <sup>17</sup>And therefore, if *it seems* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house there at Babylon, whether it is *so* that a decree was given from Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem. And let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the scrolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. <sup>2</sup>And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that *was* in the province of the Medes, a scroll. And in it was a record written thus: <sup>3</sup>In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem. Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations of it be strongly laid. The height of it shall be sixty cubits, and the breadth of it shall be sixty cubits, <sup>4</sup>with three rows of great stones and a row of new timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house. <sup>5</sup>And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be given back and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, to their place, and place *them* in the house of God. <sup>6</sup>And Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and your companions, the officials Beyond the River, keep away from there. <sup>7</sup>Let the work of this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. <sup>8</sup>Also make a decree as to what you shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God, that at once expense be given to these men from the king's goods, from the taxes Beyond the River, so that they may not have to stop. <sup>9</sup>And that which they have need of, both young bulls and rams and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of Heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the choice of the priests at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail, <sup>10</sup>so that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savors to the God of Heaven, and pray for the life of the king and of his sons.



<sup>11</sup>Also I have made a decree that whoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house and be set up, and let him be hanged on it. And let his house be made a dunghill for this. <sup>12</sup>And may the God who has caused His name to dwell there destroy all kings and people who shall put their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I, Darius, have made a decree. Let it be done with speed.

<sup>13</sup>Then Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily. <sup>14</sup>And the elders of the Jews built, and they were blessed through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it according to the command of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

<sup>15</sup>And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. <sup>16</sup>And the sons of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the sons of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. <sup>17</sup>And they offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, and four hundred lambs. And for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And they set the priests in their sections, and the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God which is at Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth of the first month. <sup>20</sup>For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them pure. And *they* slaughtered the passover lamb for all the sons of the captivity, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Israel ate, *all* who had come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, in order to seek the LORD God of Israel. <sup>22</sup>And they kept the Feast of Unleavened *bread* seven days with joy. For the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to make their hands strong in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, <sup>2</sup>the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, <sup>3</sup>the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, <sup>4</sup>the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, <sup>5</sup>the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest, <sup>6</sup>this Ezra went up from Babylon. And he *was* a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all he asked, according to the hand of the LORD his God on him. <sup>7</sup>And there went up *some* of the sons of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple slaves, to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. <sup>8</sup>And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, in the seventh year of the king. <sup>9</sup>For on the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God on him. <sup>10</sup>For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

<sup>11</sup>And this *is* the copy of the letter which king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of His statutes to Israel. <sup>12</sup>Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, perfect *peace*, and now: <sup>13</sup>From me was made a decree that everyone of the people of Israel, and their priests and Levites in my kingdom,

who desire of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem, go with you; <sup>14</sup>since you have been sent by the king, and by his seven counselors to ask about Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God in your hand; <sup>15</sup>and to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose house *is* in Jerusalem, <sup>16</sup>and all the silver and gold which you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the free will offering of the people and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God in Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>Before all of this, you shall diligently buy with this money, bulls, rams, lambs, with their food offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem. <sup>18</sup>And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God. <sup>19</sup>Also the vessels which are given you for the service of the house of your God, deliver them before the God of Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup>And whatever more shall be needful for the house of God, which you shall have need to give, give it out of the king's treasure house. <sup>21</sup>And I, Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers who *are* Beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, shall ask of you, it shall be done exactly, <sup>22</sup>to a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without saying. <sup>23</sup>Whatever is commanded by the God of Heaven, let it be carefully done for the house of the God of Heaven for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? <sup>24</sup>Also, we notify you, that in regard to any of the priests and the Levites, singers, gatekeepers, temple slaves, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, taxes, or custom on them. <sup>25</sup>And now, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God that *is* in your hand, set officers and judges who may judge all the people who *are* Beyond the River, all who know the laws of your God; and teach them who do not know. <sup>26</sup>And whoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether it is to death, or to exile, or to confiscation of goods, or imprisonment. <sup>27</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, who has put this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, <sup>28</sup>and has extended mercy before the king and his counselors and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was made strong as the hand of the LORD my God *was* on me, and I gathered out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. <sup>2</sup>From the sons of Phinehas; Gershom. From the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. From the sons of David, Hattush. <sup>3</sup>From the sons of Shechaniah, from the sons of Parosh, Zechariah. And with him were counted by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. <sup>4</sup>From the sons of Pahath-moab, Elioenai the son of Zeremiah, and with him two hundred males. <sup>5</sup>From the sons of Shechaniah, the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. <sup>6</sup>From the sons also of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. <sup>7</sup>And from the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. <sup>8</sup>And from the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males. <sup>9</sup>From the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. <sup>10</sup>And from the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty males. <sup>11</sup>And from the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty eight males. <sup>12</sup>And from the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten males. <sup>13</sup>And from the last sons of Adonikam, these: Eliphelet,

Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males. <sup>14</sup>From the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

<sup>15</sup>And I gathered them to the river which runs to Ahava. And we stayed there in tents three days. And I looked over the people and the priests, and did not find there any of the sons of Levi. <sup>16</sup>Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. <sup>17</sup>And I sent them with command to Iddo the chief of the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo, to his brothers the temple slaves, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. <sup>18</sup>And by the good hand of our God on us they brought us a man of understanding, from the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen; <sup>19</sup>and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah from the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty; <sup>20</sup>also of the temple slaves whom David and the rulers had chosen for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple slaves. All of them were called by name.

<sup>21</sup>Then I called a fast there at the river Ahava, so that we might humble ourselves before our God, in order to seek from Him a right way for us and for our little ones, and for all our goods. <sup>22</sup>For I was ashamed to ask of the king troops and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* on all those who seek Him for good, but His power and His wrath *are* against all those who forsake Him. <sup>23</sup>So we fasted and prayed to our God for good. And He was pleased to hear us. <sup>24</sup>Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them. <sup>25</sup>And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his counselors and his lords, and all Israel who *were* there, had offered. <sup>26</sup>And I weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of a hundred talents, of gold a hundred talents <sup>27</sup>and twenty basins of gold of a thousand drams, and two vessels of fine copper as desirable as gold. <sup>28</sup>And I said to them, You *are* holy to the LORD, and the vessels *are* holy. And the silver and the gold are a free-will offering to the LORD God of your fathers. <sup>29</sup>Watch and keep *them* until you weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and the chief of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem in the rooms of the house of the LORD. <sup>30</sup>So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

<sup>31</sup>And we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was on us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and from ambushers by the way. <sup>32</sup>And we came to Jerusalem and stayed there three days. <sup>33</sup>And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest. And with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites. <sup>34</sup>They were weighed by number *and* by weight of every one. And all the weight was written at that time. <sup>35</sup>The sons of those who had been exiled, who had come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin offering. All *this was* a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>36</sup>And they delivered the king's orders to the king's lieutenants and to the governors of the province Beyond the River. And they helped the people and the house of God.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And at the end of these things, the rulers came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands. But they are *doing* according to their abominations, those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. <sup>2</sup>For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons. So the holy seed has mixed themselves with the people of *those* lands. Yes, the hand of the leaders and overseers has been chief in this sin. <sup>3</sup>And when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stricken dumb. <sup>4</sup>Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel was gathered to me, because of the sin of those who had been exiled. And I remained dumb until the evening sacrifice. <sup>5</sup>And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from my affliction. And tearing my garment and my mantle, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God. <sup>6</sup>And I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to You, my God. For our iniquities have increased over *our* heads, and our guiltiness has grown up to the heavens. <sup>7</sup>Since the days of our fathers we *have been* in a great sin until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to shame of face, as it is this day. <sup>8</sup>And now for a little time grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little life in our bondage. <sup>9</sup>For we *were* slaves, yet our God has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us some life, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its waste, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments <sup>11</sup>which You commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land into which you go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their uncleanness. <sup>12</sup>And now do not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave *it* for an inheritance to your sons forever. <sup>13</sup>And after all that has come on us for our evil deeds and for our great sin, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and have given us such an escape as this, <sup>14</sup>should we again break Your commandments and join hands with the people of these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had crushed *us*, until *there is* no remnant nor survivor? <sup>15</sup>O LORD God of Israel, You *are* righteous. For we are left a remnant that has escaped, as today. Behold, we *are* before You in our sins, for we cannot stand before You because of this.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there gathered to him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children, for the people wept with a great weeping. <sup>2</sup>And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our God and have taken strange wives from the people of the land. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. <sup>3</sup>And now let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as have been born of them, according to the counsel of the Lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God. And let it be done according

to the Law. <sup>4</sup>Arise, for *this* matter *belongs* to you. We also *will be* with you. Be of good courage and act. <sup>5</sup>Then Ezra arose and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God and went into the room of Johanan the son of Eliashib. And he went there, and he ate no bread nor drank water. For he mourned because of the sin of those who had been exiled. <sup>7</sup>And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the sons of the captivity, that they should gather themselves to Jerusalem, <sup>8</sup>and that who ever would not come within three days, according to the advice of the rulers and the elders, all he owned would be lost, and he himself separated from the congregation of those who had been exiled.

<sup>9</sup>Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves to Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain. <sup>10</sup>And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have sinned, and have taken strange wives to increase the sin of Israel. <sup>11</sup>And now confess to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His pleasure. And separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. <sup>12</sup>Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As you have said, so we must do. <sup>13</sup>But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand outside. And the work is not of one or two days. For we who have sinned in this thing are many. <sup>14</sup>And let our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all those who have taken strange wives in our cities, come at a set time, and with them the elders of every city and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter has turned from us. <sup>15</sup>Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah made a stand against this. And Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

<sup>16</sup>And the sons of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain heads of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by names, were separated. And they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. <sup>17</sup>And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. <sup>18</sup>And among the sons of the priests, these were found who had taken strange wives: From the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadac and his brothers were Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. <sup>19</sup>And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives. And being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their sin. <sup>20</sup>And from the sons of Immer were Hanani and Zebadiah. <sup>21</sup>And from the sons of Harim were Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziyah. <sup>22</sup>And from the sons of Pashur were Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa. <sup>23</sup>And from the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same as Kelita, Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. <sup>24</sup>And from the singers: Eliashib; and from the gatekeepers, Shallum and Telem and Uri. <sup>25</sup>And from Israel: From the sons of Parosh, Ramiyah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah and Benaiah. <sup>26</sup>And from the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. <sup>27</sup>And from the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. <sup>28</sup>And from the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. <sup>29</sup>And from the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiyah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. <sup>30</sup>And from the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel. and Binnui, and Manasseh. <sup>31</sup>And from the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, <sup>32</sup>Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. <sup>33</sup>From the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei.

<sup>34</sup>From the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, <sup>35</sup>Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, <sup>36</sup>Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, <sup>37</sup>Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, <sup>38</sup>and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, <sup>39</sup>and Shelemiah, Nathan, and Adaiiah, <sup>40</sup>Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, <sup>41</sup>Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, <sup>42</sup>Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. <sup>43</sup>From the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

<sup>44</sup>All these had taken strange wives. And many of them had wives by whom they had sons.

# THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it happened in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, <sup>2</sup>Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and men of Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And they said to me, The remnant left of the captivity there in the province *is* in great affliction and shame. And the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire. <sup>4</sup>And it happened when I heard these words, I sat down and wept. And I mourned for days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven. <sup>5</sup>And I said, I pray You, O LORD God of Heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments; <sup>6</sup>let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant, which I pray before You now, day and night, for the sons of Israel Your servants, and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. <sup>7</sup>We have acted very wickedly against You, and have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup>I pray You, remember the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, *If you sin, I will scatter you among the nations,* <sup>9</sup>but if you turn to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though you were cast out to the outermost part of the heavens, *yet I will gather you from there and will bring you to the place that I have chosen to set My name there.* <sup>10</sup>And these *are* Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, I pray You, let now Your ear be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name. And I pray You, bless Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (For I was the king's cupbearer.)

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, wine was before him. And I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence *before*. <sup>2</sup>And the king said to me, Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This *is* nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid. <sup>3</sup>And I said to the king, Let the king live forever. Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire? <sup>4</sup>And the king said to me, For what do you ask? So I prayed to the God of Heaven, <sup>5</sup>and I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I pray that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, so that I may build it. <sup>6</sup>And the king said to me (the queen also sitting by him), For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a time. <sup>7</sup>And I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors Beyond the River, so that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, <sup>8</sup>and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the kings forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *belong* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house into which I shall enter. And the king granted me what I asked, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

<sup>9</sup>And I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. And the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. <sup>10</sup>And Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard.

And it grieved them very much that there had come a man to seek the good of the sons of Israel. <sup>11</sup>And I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. <sup>12</sup>And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me. And I did not tell to a man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem. And there was no animal with me, except the animal that I rode upon. <sup>13</sup>And I went out by night by the Valley Gate, even before the Jackal Fountain, and to the Dung Gate, and looked at the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and its gates which were burned with fire. <sup>14</sup>And I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool. But *there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass.* <sup>15</sup>And I went up in the night by the brook and looked at the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and returned. <sup>16</sup>And the rulers did not know where I had gone, nor what I was doing. Nor had I told the Jews as yet, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. <sup>17</sup>And I said to them, You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem is wasted, and the gates of it are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no more be a reproach. <sup>18</sup>And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me, and also the king's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up to build. So they made their hands strong for good.

<sup>19</sup>But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us. And they said, What *is* this that you do? Will you rebel against the king? <sup>20</sup>And I answered them and said to them, The God of Heaven, He will bless us, and we, His servants, will arise and build. But you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and set up its doors, even to the Tower of Meah they sanctified it, to the Tower of Hananeel. <sup>2</sup>And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. <sup>3</sup>But the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate, who laid its beams and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars. <sup>4</sup>And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. <sup>5</sup>And next to them the Tekoites repaired. But their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their Lord. <sup>6</sup>And the Old Gate was repaired by Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and set up its doors and its locks and its bars. <sup>7</sup>And next to them Meletiah of Gibeon repaired, and Jadon of Meron, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, to the throne of the governor Beyond the River. <sup>8</sup>Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths, repaired. And next to him Hananiah, the son of one of the perfumers, repaired. And they fortified Jerusalem to the Broad Wall. <sup>9</sup>And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem repaired. <sup>10</sup>Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired, even across from his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah repaired. <sup>11</sup>Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the other piece, and the Tower of the Furnaces. <sup>12</sup>And next to him Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters repaired. <sup>13</sup>Hanun, the people of Zanoah, repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits on the wall to the Dung Gate. <sup>14</sup>But the Dung Gate was repaired by Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem. He built it and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars. <sup>15</sup>And the



Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallum the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah. He built it and covered it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, and to the stairs that go down from the City of David. <sup>16</sup>After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, repaired across from the tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. <sup>17</sup>After him the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani, repaired. Next to him Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, repaired in his part. <sup>18</sup>After him their brothers, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, repaired. <sup>19</sup>And next to him, Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another piece across from the ascent to the armory at the corner. <sup>20</sup>After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the corner to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. <sup>21</sup>After him Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz repaired another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. <sup>22</sup>And after him the priests, the men of the plain, repaired. <sup>23</sup>After him Benjamin and Hashub repaired across from their house. After him Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah repaired by his house. <sup>24</sup>After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another piece, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, even to the corner. <sup>25</sup>Palal the son of Uzai repaired across from the corner, and the tower which lies out from the king's high house, by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh repaired. <sup>26</sup>And the temple-slaves who lived in Ophel repaired across from the Water Gate toward the east, and the tower that sticks out. <sup>27</sup>After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, opposite the great tower that sticks out, even to the wall of Ophel. <sup>28</sup>The priests repaired from above the Horse Gate, every one across from his house. <sup>29</sup>After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired across from his house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. <sup>30</sup>After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another piece. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired across from his room. <sup>31</sup>After him Malchiah the goldsmith's son repaired to the place of the temple-slaves, and of the merchants, across from the Miphkad Gate, and to the going up of the corner. <sup>32</sup>And between the going up of the corner to the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>But it happened when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was angry and greatly displeased, and mocked the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they bring to life the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? <sup>3</sup>And Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he shall even break down their stone wall. <sup>4</sup>Oh our God, hear, for we are despised. And turn their curse upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity. <sup>5</sup>And do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You. For they have provoked You to anger before the builders. <sup>6</sup>So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to the half of it. For the people had a mind to work.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened, when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem had gone up, and that the breaks were being filled, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup>And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and do harm to it. <sup>9</sup>But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night,

because of them. <sup>10</sup>And Judah said, The strength of the carriers of burdens is weakening, and *there is* much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall. <sup>11</sup>And our foes have said, They shall not know, or see, until we come in the middle of them, and kill them, and cause the work to cease. <sup>12</sup>And it happened when the Jews who lived near them came in, they said to us ten times, From all places where you shall turn to us, they *will be* against us. <sup>13</sup>And I stationed in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people according to their families with their sword, their spears, and their bows. <sup>14</sup>And I looked and rose up, and said to the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the LORD, *who is* great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. <sup>15</sup>And it happened when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their counsel to nothing, all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. <sup>16</sup>And it was from that time forth *that* half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the scale-armor. And the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah <sup>17</sup>the ones who built on the wall, and the ones who carried burdens; with those who were lifting, *one* a worker in the work, and one held a weapon. <sup>18</sup>For of the builders, each one had his sword tied by his side, and built. And he who sounded the trumpet *was* beside me. <sup>19</sup>And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, far from one another. <sup>20</sup>In whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, gather there to us. Our God will fight for us. <sup>21</sup>And we labored in the work. And half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared. <sup>22</sup>Also at the same time I said to the people, Let everyone with his servant stay inside Jerusalem, so that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor in the day. <sup>23</sup>And none, I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put off our clothes *except that* everyone had his vessel of water.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews. <sup>2</sup>For certain ones said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many. Let us get grain *for them*, so that we may eat and live. <sup>3</sup>*Some* also said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses. Let us buy grain because of the famine. <sup>4</sup>And *some* said, We have borrowed money *on* our lands and vineyards for the king's tax. <sup>5</sup>Yet now our flesh *is* like the flesh of our brothers, our sons like their sons. And, lo, we bring our sons and our daughters into bondage, to be slaves, and *some* of our daughters are brought into bondage. And there is no power for our hand, for other men *have* our lands and vineyards.

<sup>6</sup>And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. <sup>7</sup>And my heart within myself ruled, and I rebuked the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, You exact interest, each one from his brother. And I held a great gathering against them. <sup>8</sup>And I said to them, According to our ability we have redeemed our brothers, the Jews who were sold to the nations. And will you even sell your brothers? Or shall they be sold to us? And they were silent and did not find an answer. <sup>9</sup>And I said, What you do *is* not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? <sup>10</sup>And also I, my brothers and my servants, might take from them money and grain. Please let us leave this lending at interest. <sup>11</sup>Please even today give back to them their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that you take from them. <sup>12</sup>And they

said, We will restore, and will ask nothing from them. So we will do as you say. Then I called the priests and took an oath from them that they should do according to this promise. <sup>13</sup>Also I shook my lap and said, So let God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, who does not keep this promise, even may he be shaken out this way and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

<sup>14</sup>And from the time that I was chosen to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor. <sup>15</sup>But the former governors *that had been* before me were too heavy upon the people, and had taken bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people. But I did not do this, because of the fear of God. <sup>16</sup>And I also kept on in the work of this wall. Nor did we buy any land. And all my servants gathered there to the work. <sup>17</sup>And at my table *were* a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from among the nations around us. <sup>18</sup>And that which was prepared daily *was* one ox and six choice sheep; and birds were prepared; and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine. Yet for all this I did not seek the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. <sup>19</sup>Think upon me, my God, for good, *according to* all that I have done for this people.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when Sanballat, and Tobiah and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no break left in it (though at that time I had not set the doors on the gates), <sup>2</sup>Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me harm. <sup>3</sup>And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, so I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you? <sup>4</sup>And they sent to me four times in this way. And I answered them in the same way. <sup>5</sup>Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, in which *was* written, <sup>6</sup>It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says *it, that* you and the Jews are thinking of rebelling, for this reason you build the wall, so that you may be their king, according to these words. <sup>7</sup>And you have also set up prophets to preach about you at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah. And now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. And now come and let us talk it over together. <sup>8</sup>And I sent to him saying, These things which you are saying *are* not happening, but you pretend them out of your own heart. <sup>9</sup>For they all *were* alarmers of us, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work so that it may not be done. And now, *O God*, make my hands strong.

<sup>10</sup>And I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up. And he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple. For they will come to kill you. Yea, in the night they will come to kill you. <sup>11</sup>And I said, Should such a man as I flee? And who, *being as I am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. <sup>12</sup>And, behold, I understood that God had not sent him, but that he said this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he *was* hired that I should be afraid, and do so, and I should sin, and be for them an evil name, with which they might reproach me. <sup>14</sup>My God, think upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

<sup>15</sup>And the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth *day* of Elul, in fifty-two days. <sup>16</sup>And it happened when all our enemies heard, and all the nations around us saw, they were very much lowered in their own eyes. For they saw that this work was done by our God. <sup>17</sup>And in those days the nobles of Judah were increasing their letters going to Tobiah; and Tobiah's came to them. <sup>18</sup>For many in Judah were sworn to him because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. <sup>19</sup>Also they reported his good deeds before me, and told my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were chosen, <sup>2</sup>I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem. For he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. <sup>3</sup>And I said to them, Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they stand by, let them shut and bar the doors. And set guards from the people of Jerusalem, each one in his watch, and each one *to be* across from his house. <sup>4</sup>And the city was large and great, but the people in it were few, and the houses not built. <sup>5</sup>And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, so that they might be counted by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came up at the first. And I found written in it: <sup>6</sup>These *are* the sons of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. And they came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one to his city, <sup>7</sup>and came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup>The sons of Parosh, two thousand and seventy-two. <sup>9</sup>The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. <sup>10</sup>The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two. <sup>11</sup>The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand, eight hundred and eighteen. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five. <sup>14</sup>The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two. <sup>18</sup>The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven. <sup>20</sup>The sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five. <sup>21</sup>The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. <sup>22</sup>The sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Hariph, a hundred and twelve. <sup>25</sup>The sons of Gibeon, ninety-five. <sup>26</sup>The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, a hundred and eighty-eight. <sup>27</sup>The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>28</sup>The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty-two. <sup>29</sup>The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three. <sup>30</sup>The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one. <sup>31</sup>The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two. <sup>32</sup>The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three. <sup>33</sup>The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two. <sup>34</sup>The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. <sup>35</sup>The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty. <sup>36</sup>The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five. <sup>37</sup>The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one. <sup>38</sup>The sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. <sup>39</sup>The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three. <sup>40</sup>The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. <sup>41</sup>The sons of Pashur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. <sup>42</sup>The sons of Harim, a thousand

and seventeen. <sup>43</sup>The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four. <sup>44</sup>The singers: the sons of Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight. <sup>45</sup>The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-eight. <sup>46</sup>The temple slaves: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hashupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, <sup>47</sup>the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon, <sup>48</sup>the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmal, <sup>49</sup>the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, <sup>50</sup>the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, <sup>51</sup>the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, <sup>52</sup>the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim, <sup>53</sup>the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, <sup>54</sup>the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, <sup>55</sup>the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah, <sup>56</sup>the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha. <sup>57</sup>The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida, <sup>58</sup>the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, <sup>59</sup>the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Amon. <sup>60</sup>All the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants, three hundred and ninety-two.

<sup>61</sup>And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer. But they could not show their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel: <sup>62</sup>The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two. <sup>63</sup>And of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. <sup>64</sup>These sought their register *among* those who were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found. Therefore they were put out, as defiled from the priesthood. <sup>65</sup>And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the holy things until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

<sup>66</sup>All the congregation together *was* forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, <sup>67</sup>besides their man-servants and their maid-servants; these *were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women. <sup>68</sup>Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred and forty-five; <sup>69</sup>camels, four hundred and thirty-five; and six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

<sup>70</sup>And some of the chiefs of the fathers gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priest's garments. <sup>71</sup>And *some* of the chiefs of the fathers gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred minas of silver. <sup>72</sup>And what the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand darics of gold and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments. <sup>73</sup>And the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the temple slaves, and all Israel, lived in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And all the people gathered themselves as one man into the street before the water gate. And they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. <sup>2</sup>And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read in it before the street in front of the Water Gate from the morning until noon, in front of the men and the women, and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people *listened* to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood upon a

pulpit of wood which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people. And when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>And Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law. And the people *were* in their place. <sup>8</sup>And they read in the book, in the law of God, clearly. And they gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who *was* the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This day *is* holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, Go eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared. For *this day is* holy to our LORD. And do not be sorry, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. <sup>11</sup>And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, Be quiet, for the day *is* holy. And do not be grieved. <sup>12</sup>And all the people went to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words which were declared to them.

<sup>13</sup>And on the second day the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. <sup>14</sup>And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the sons of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month, <sup>15</sup>and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mountain and bring olive branches and pine branches and myrtle branches and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written. <sup>16</sup>And the people went out and brought in, and made themselves booths, each one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the Water Gate, and in the street of the Gate of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup>And all the congregation of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths. For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day, the sons of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. <sup>18</sup>Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth was an assembly, according to the law.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And in the twenty-fourth day of this month, the sons of Israel were gathered with fasting and with sackcloth, and with earth upon them. <sup>2</sup>And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins and the sins of their fathers. <sup>3</sup>And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God a fourth part of the day. And another fourth part they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God. <sup>4</sup>And stood upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God. <sup>5</sup>And the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God forever and ever. And blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. <sup>6</sup>You, *even* You, *are* LORD alone. You have made the heavens, the

heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things on it, the seas, and all in them, and You preserve them all. And the host of heaven worships You. <sup>7</sup>You *are* the LORD, the God who chose Abraham and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham, <sup>8</sup>and found his heart faithful before You, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, even to give it to his seed. And You have performed Your words, for You *are* righteous. <sup>9</sup>And You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea, <sup>10</sup>and gave out signs and wonders upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants and upon all the people of his land. For You knew that they were acting proudly against them. So You got Yourself a name, as today. <sup>11</sup>And You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land. And their pursuers You threw into the deep, like a stone into the mighty waters. <sup>12</sup>And You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go. <sup>13</sup>And You came down on mount Sinai, and spoke with them from Heaven, and gave them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments. <sup>14</sup>And You made known to them Your holy sabbath, and commanded them commandments, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses Your servant. <sup>15</sup>And You gave them bread from the heavens for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst. And You promised them that they should go in to possess the land which You had sworn to give them. <sup>16</sup>But they and our fathers acted proudly and hardened their necks, and did not listen to Your commandments. <sup>17</sup>And they refused to obey, neither were they mindful of Your wonders which You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But You *are* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and did not forsake them. <sup>18</sup>Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt, and had worked great blasphemies, <sup>19</sup>yet You in Your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day to lead them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night, to show them light and the way in which they should go. <sup>20</sup>You also gave Your good Spirit to teach them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup>And forty years You sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing; their clothes did not become old, and their feet did not swell. <sup>22</sup>And You gave them kingdoms and nations, and divided them into corners. And they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

<sup>23</sup>And You multiplied their sons like the stars of the heavens, and brought them into the land concerning which You had promised to their fathers that they should go in to possess it. <sup>24</sup>And the sons went in and possessed the land, and You humbled the people of the land before them, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, so that they might do with them as they would. <sup>25</sup>And they took strong cities and a rich land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells already dug, vineyards and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance. And they ate and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in Your great goodness. <sup>26</sup>But they were disobedient and rebelled against You, and cast Your law behind their backs. And they killed Your prophets who testified against them to turn them to You, and they worked great blasphemies. <sup>27</sup>And You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who troubled them. And in the time of their trouble, they cried to You, and You heard from Heaven. And according to Your manifold mercies, You gave them

deliverers, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.<sup>28</sup> But after they had rest, they did evil again before You, and You left them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the rule over them. But they returned and cried to You, and You heard from Heaven. And many times You delivered them according to Your mercies,<sup>29</sup> and testified against them that You might bring them again to Your law. But they acted proudly and did not listen to Your commandments, but sinned against Your judgments (which if a man do, he shall live in them), and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.<sup>30</sup> And many years You had patience with them, and testified against them by Your Spirit, by Your prophets, but they would not give ear. And You gave them into the hand of the people of the lands.<sup>31</sup> But for Your great mercies, You did not completely destroy them nor forsake them. For You *are* a gracious and merciful God.

<sup>32</sup> And now, our God, the great, the mighty, and the fearful God, who keeps covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble that has come upon us, on our kings, on our rulers, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all Your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day, seem little before You.<sup>33</sup> But You *are* just in all that is brought upon us, for You have done right, but we have done wickedly.<sup>34</sup> And our kings, our rulers, our priests, and our fathers, have not kept Your law, nor listened to Your commandments and Your words with which You testified against them.<sup>35</sup> For they have not served You in their kingdom, and in Your great goodness which You gave them, and in the large and rich land which You gave before them, and they did not turn from their wicked works.<sup>36</sup> Behold, we *are* servants today. And the land that You gave to our fathers to eat its fruit, and its good, behold, we *are* servants in it.<sup>37</sup> And it yields much increase to the kings whom You have set over us because of our sins. And they rule over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we *are* in great distress.<sup>38</sup> And because of all this we *are* cutting a covenant, and write it, and our princes, Levites, *and* priests *are* sealing it.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup> And those who sealed were, Nehemiah, the governor, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, <sup>2</sup>Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, <sup>3</sup>Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, <sup>4</sup>Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, <sup>5</sup>Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, <sup>6</sup>Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, <sup>7</sup>Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, <sup>8</sup>Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These *were* the priests. <sup>9</sup> And the Levites *were* both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel, <sup>10</sup> and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, <sup>11</sup>Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, <sup>12</sup>Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, <sup>13</sup>Hodijah, Bani, Beninu. <sup>14</sup> The chief of the people were Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zathth, Bani, <sup>15</sup>Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, <sup>16</sup>Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, <sup>17</sup>Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, <sup>18</sup>Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, <sup>19</sup>Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, <sup>20</sup>Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, <sup>21</sup>Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, <sup>22</sup>Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, <sup>23</sup>Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, <sup>24</sup>Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, <sup>25</sup>Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, <sup>26</sup> and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, <sup>27</sup>Malluch, Harim, Baanah. <sup>28</sup> And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple-slaves, and all those who had separated themselves from the people of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters (everyone who had knowledge, and who had understanding), <sup>29</sup> *were* holding fast to their brothers, their honored ones. And they entered into a curse and into an oath, to walk in God's law which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to be careful to do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and His judgments and His statutes.



<sup>30</sup>And we swore that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land nor take their daughters for our sons. <sup>31</sup>And if the people of the land should bring goods or any food on the Sabbath day to sell it, that we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath or on the holy day, and that we would leave the seventh year, and the interest of every debt. <sup>32</sup>Also we put commands upon ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God, <sup>33</sup>for the showbread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. <sup>34</sup>And we cast the lots among the priests, and the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring into the house of our God, according to the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law <sup>35</sup>and to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the LORD; <sup>36</sup>and to bring the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; <sup>37</sup>and that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine and of oil, to the priests, to the rooms of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites, and they, the Levites, might have the tithes in all the cities we farmed. <sup>38</sup>And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms, into the treasure house. <sup>39</sup>For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine, and the oil, to the rooms where the vessels of the sanctuary are, and the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the rulers of the people lived at Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one of every ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine parts in other cities. <sup>2</sup>And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to live at Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And these are the rulers of the province who lived in Jerusalem. But in the cities of Judah everyone lived in his possession in their cities: Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants. <sup>4</sup>And at Jerusalem lived certain of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin. From the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the sons of Perez, <sup>5</sup>and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. <sup>6</sup>All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight mighty men.

<sup>7</sup>And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah; <sup>8</sup>and after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>9</sup>And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer. And Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

<sup>10</sup>From the priests were Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, <sup>11</sup>Seraiah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God. <sup>12</sup>And their brothers who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two. And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the

son of Malchiah,<sup>13</sup> and his brothers, chief of the fathers, two hundred and forty-two. And Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,<sup>14</sup> and their brothers, mighty men of power, *were* a hundred and twenty-eight. And their overseer *was* Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.<sup>15</sup> And from the Levites *were* Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni.<sup>16</sup> And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, *were* over the outward business of the house of God.<sup>17</sup> And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the leader to begin the thanksgiving in prayer. And Bakbukiah *was* second among his brothers, and then Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.<sup>18</sup> All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four.

<sup>19</sup>And the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers who kept the gates, *were* a hundred and seventy-two.<sup>20</sup> And the rest of Israel, of the priests and the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, each one in his inheritance.<sup>21</sup> But the temple-slaves lived in Ophel; and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the temple-slaves.<sup>22</sup> And the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.<sup>23</sup> For it *was* the king's commandment concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.<sup>24</sup> And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.<sup>25</sup> And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the sons of Judah lived at Kirjath-arba, and *in* its villages, and at Dibon, and *in* its villages, and at Jekabzeel, and its villages,<sup>26</sup> and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-pheret,<sup>27</sup> and at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and in its villages,<sup>28</sup> and at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in its villages,<sup>29</sup> and at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,<sup>30</sup> Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, at Lachish, and the fields of it, at Azekah, and *in* its villages. And they lived from Beer-sheba to the valley of Hinnom.

<sup>31</sup>And the sons of Benjamin from Geba *lived* at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and their villages,<sup>32</sup> at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,<sup>33</sup> Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,<sup>34</sup> Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,<sup>35</sup> Lod, and Ono, the Valley of Craftsmen.<sup>36</sup> And divisions of the Levites *were* in Judah *and* for Benjamin.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,<sup>2</sup> Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,<sup>3</sup> Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,<sup>4</sup> Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,<sup>5</sup> Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,<sup>6</sup> Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,<sup>7</sup> Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua.<sup>8</sup> And the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah. Mattaniah *was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.<sup>9</sup> And Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, *were* next to them in the watches.<sup>10</sup> And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, and Joiakim fathered Eliashib, and Eliashib fathered Joiada,<sup>11</sup> and Joiada fathered Jonathan, and Jonathan fathered Jaddua.<sup>12</sup> And in the days of Joiakim *were* priests, the chief of the fathers: from *the house of* Seraiah *was* Meraiah; from Jeremiah, Hananiah;<sup>13</sup> from Ezra, Meshullam; from Amariah, Jehohanan;<sup>14</sup> from Melicu, Jonathan; from Shebaniah, Joseph;<sup>15</sup> from Harim, Adna; from Meraioth, Helkai;<sup>16</sup> from Iddo, Zechariah; from Ginnethon, Meshullam;<sup>17</sup> from Abijah, Zichri; from Miniamin of Moadiah, Piltai;<sup>18</sup> from Bilgah, Shammua; from Shemaiah, Jehonathan;<sup>19</sup> and from Joiarib, Mattenai;

from Jedaiah, Uzzi; <sup>20</sup>from Sallai, Kallai; from Amok, Eber; <sup>21</sup>from Hilkiah, Hashabiah; from Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

<sup>22</sup>The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers and the priests, until the reign of Darius the Persian.

<sup>23</sup>The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the Book of the Chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. <sup>24</sup>And the chief of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah; and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers next to them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the command of David the man of God, watch by watch. <sup>25</sup>Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub, were guarding the gates, the guard at the thresholds of the gates. <sup>26</sup>These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

<sup>27</sup>And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their places to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, and with thanksgiving, and with singing, with cymbals, harps and with lyres. <sup>28</sup>And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathi; <sup>29</sup>and from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth (for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem.) <sup>30</sup>And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. <sup>31</sup>Then I brought up the rulers of Judah on the wall, and chose two great choirs of praise. One went to the right upon the wall toward the Dung Gate. <sup>32</sup>And after them went Hoshai, and half the rulers of Judah, <sup>33</sup>and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, <sup>34</sup>Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, <sup>35</sup>and many of the priests' sons with trumpets; Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, <sup>36</sup>and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and with Ezra the scribe before them.

<sup>37</sup>And at the Fountain Gate, across from them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward. <sup>38</sup>And the other choirs of praise went across from them, and I after them, and half of the people on the wall, from beyond the Tower of the Furnaces even to the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup>and from above the Gate of Ephraim, and above the Old Gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Meah, even to the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Prison Gate. <sup>40</sup>And stood the two companies to give thanks in the house of God, and I, and half of the rulers with me. <sup>41</sup>And the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, were with trumpets, <sup>42</sup>and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

<sup>43</sup>And that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced. For God had made them rejoice with great joy. And the wives and the sons rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. <sup>44</sup>And at that time some were chosen over the rooms for the treasuries, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather to them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites. For Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who waited. <sup>45</sup>And both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God, and the charge of the cleansing, according to the command of David and of Solomon his son. <sup>46</sup>For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. <sup>47</sup>And all Israel gave

the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, every day its portion, in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah. And they set *the holy things* apart for the Levites, and the Levites set *them* apart for the sons of Aaron.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>On that day they read in the book of Moses in the ears of the people. And in it was found written that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God forever, <sup>2</sup>because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them so that he should curse them. But our God turned the curse into a blessing. <sup>3</sup>And it happened when they had heard the law, they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel. <sup>4</sup>And before this, Eliashib the priest, who was set over the rooms of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah — <sup>5</sup>and he had prepared for himself a large room where they had in days of old laid the food offering, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the offerings of the priests.

<sup>6</sup>But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem. For in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon, I came to the king. And after some days I was given permission to leave the king. <sup>7</sup>And I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil which Eliashib did for Tobiah in preparing him a room in the courts of the house of God. <sup>8</sup>And it grieved me very much. And I threw all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the room. <sup>9</sup>Then I commanded, and they purified the rooms. And I brought there again the vessels of the house of God, with the food offering and the frankincense. <sup>10</sup>And I saw that the portions of the Levites had not been given *to them*; for the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each one to his field. <sup>11</sup>And I contended with the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together and set them in their place. <sup>12</sup>And all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries. <sup>13</sup>And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were counted faithful, and their office *was* to distribute to their brothers. <sup>14</sup>Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices of it.

<sup>15</sup>In those days I saw in Judah some treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading asses and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *kinds of burdens* which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I testified *against them* in the day in which they sold food. <sup>16</sup>And men of Tyre lived in it, who brought fish and all kinds of goods, and sold on the Sabbath to the sons of Judah and in Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>And I contended with the nobles of Judah and said to them, What evil thing *is* this that you do, and defile the Sabbath day? <sup>18</sup>Did not your fathers do this, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by defiling the Sabbath. <sup>19</sup>And it happened when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I set *some* of my servants at the gates, so that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. <sup>20</sup>And the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods stayed the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. <sup>21</sup>And I testified against them, and said to them, Why do you stay around the wall? If you do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. <sup>22</sup>And I commanded the Levites that they

should cleanse themselves, and that they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy.

<sup>23</sup>In those days I also saw Jews who lived with women from Ashdod, from Ammon, and from Moab. <sup>24</sup>And their sons spoke half Ashdod's *speech*, and there was no caring to speak Jewish, but according to the language of each people. <sup>25</sup>And I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck certain of them, and plucked off their hair. And I made them swear by the name of God, *saying*, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters to your sons, or for yourselves. <sup>26</sup>Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. But women from other lands caused even him to sin. <sup>27</sup>Shall we then listen to you, to do all this great evil, to sin against our God in living with foreign women? <sup>28</sup>And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; and I chased him from me. <sup>29</sup>Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. <sup>30</sup>So I cleansed them from all strangers, and appointed charges to the priests and the Levites, every one in his business, <sup>31</sup>and for the wood offering, at chosen times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good!

# THE BOOK OF ESTHER

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the days of Ahasuerus (this is the Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces) — <sup>2</sup>in those days, when king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom in Shushan the palace, <sup>3</sup>in the third year of his reign, he made a feast to all his princes and his servants. The power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, were before him. <sup>4</sup>And he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, a hundred and eighty days. <sup>5</sup>And when these days had expired, the king made a feast to all the people who were present in Shushan the palace, both to great and small, for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. <sup>6</sup>White, green, and blue hangings were fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble. The beds were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red and blue and white and black marble. <sup>7</sup>And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, the vessels being different from one another, and royal wine in abundance, according to the hand of the king. <sup>8</sup>And the drinking was according to the law, no one compelling, for so the king had commanded every chief of his house that they should do according to every man's pleasure. <sup>9</sup>Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

<sup>10</sup>On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, <sup>11</sup>to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, in order to show the people and the princes her beauty, for she was beautiful to look on. <sup>12</sup>But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command by his eunuchs. And the king was very angry, and his anger burned within him. <sup>13</sup>And the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for so was the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment; <sup>14</sup>and the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media who saw the king's face, who sat first in the kingdom), <sup>15</sup>What shall we do with queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the command of the king Ahasuerus by the eunuchs? <sup>16</sup>And Memucan answered before the king and princes, Vashti the queen has not only done wrong to the king, but also to all the princes, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus. <sup>17</sup>For the matter of the queen shall go out to all women, so that their husbands shall be despised in their eyes, and it shall be reported that king Ahasuerus commanded to bring Vashti the queen in before him, but she did not come. <sup>18</sup>And this day the princesses of Persia and Media shall say *the same* to all the king's princes who have heard of the deed of the queen. And there will be contempt and strife.

<sup>19</sup>If it please the king, let there be a royal command from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it may not be changed, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal state to another who is better than she is. <sup>20</sup>And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire (for it is great), all the wives shall give their husbands honor, both the great and small. <sup>21</sup>And the saying pleased the king and the princes. And the king did according to the word of Memucan. <sup>22</sup>For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing of it, and to every people in their language, so that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus had calmed down, he remembered Vashti and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. <sup>2</sup>And the king's servants who served him said, Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. <sup>3</sup>And let the king choose officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, so that they may gather together all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the hand of Hegai the king's officer, keeper of the women. And let their ointments be given. <sup>4</sup>And let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

<sup>5</sup>In Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite <sup>6</sup>who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away. <sup>7</sup>And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter. For she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was fair and beautiful, whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. <sup>8</sup>And it happened when the king's command and his order was heard, and when many young women had been gathered to Shushan the palace, into the hand of Hegai, Esther was also brought to the king's house, into the hand of Hegai, keeper of the women. <sup>9</sup>And the young woman pleased him, and she received kindness from him. And he quickly gave her the ointments for herself, with such things as were set aside to her, and seven young women who were fit to be given her, out of the king's house. And he moved her and her maids to the best place in the house of the women. <sup>10</sup>Esther had not revealed her people nor her kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her that she should not show it.

<sup>11</sup>And Mordecai walked every day in front of the court of the women's house in order to know how Esther did and what was to become of her. <sup>12</sup>And when the turn of each young woman had come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after she had been twelve months, according to the law of the women (for so the days of their anointing were done, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with the perfumes of the women). <sup>13</sup>And in this way the young woman came to the king. Whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house. <sup>14</sup>She went in the evening, and on the next day she returned to the second house of the women, into the hand of Shaashgaz, the king's officer who kept the concubines. She did not come in to the king any more, unless the king delighted in her, and she was called by name. <sup>15</sup>And when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her for his daughter, had come to go in to the king, she asked nothing but what was chosen by Hegai the king's officer, the keeper of the women. And Esther had favor in the sight of all who looked on her. <sup>16</sup>And Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. <sup>17</sup>And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she rose in grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins. And he set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. <sup>18</sup>And the king made a great feast to all his princes and his servants, Esther's feast. And he ordered a release for the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king. <sup>19</sup>And when the virgins were gathered the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. <sup>20</sup>Esther had not yet revealed her kindred nor her people, as Mordecai had commanded her. For Esther obeyed the command of Mordecai as she did when she was brought up with him.

<sup>21</sup>In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the door, were angry and tried to lay a hand on king Ahasuerus. <sup>22</sup>And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told Esther the queen. And Esther told the king in Mordecai's name. <sup>23</sup>And when the matter was searched into, it was found out, and the two of them were hanged on a tree. And it was written in the Book of the Matters of the Days before the king.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>After these things king Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes who *were* with him. <sup>2</sup>And all the king's servants in the king's gate bowed and worshiped Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow nor worship. <sup>3</sup>And the king's servants in the king's gate said to Mordecai, Why do you transgress the king's command? <sup>4</sup>And it happened when they spoke daily to him, and when he did not listen to them, they told Haman, to see if Mordecai's matters would stand. For he had told them that he was a Jew. <sup>5</sup>And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow nor worship him, then Haman was full of wrath. <sup>6</sup>And he scorned to lay hands only on Mordecai, for they had revealed to him the people of Mordecai. And Haman sought to destroy all the Jews throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai. <sup>7</sup>In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth month, the month Adar. <sup>8</sup>And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people, in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws *are* different from all people, neither do they keep the king's laws. And it *is* not for the king's gain to allow them to live. <sup>9</sup>If it pleases the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed. And I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those who have charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries. <sup>10</sup>And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. <sup>11</sup>And the king said to Haman, The silver *is* given to you, the people also, to do with them as seems good to you. <sup>12</sup>Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded to the king's lieutenants, and to the governors who were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to the writing of it, and *to* every people according to their language. It was written in the name of king Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. <sup>13</sup>And the letters were sent by postal riders into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and *to take* what they owned for a prize. <sup>14</sup>The copy of the writing, for a command to be given in every province, was published to all people, that they should be ready for that day. <sup>15</sup>The posts went out, being hurried by the king's command, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city Shushan was perplexed.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Mordecai understood all that was done, and Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry. <sup>2</sup>And he even came before the king's gate for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. <sup>3</sup>And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, *there was great*



mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing. And many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup>And Esther's maids and her officers came and told her. And the queen was exceedingly grieved, and she sent clothing to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him. But he did not receive it. <sup>5</sup>And Esther called for Hatach, *one* of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend on her, and gave him a command to Mordecai to know what it *was* and why it *was*. <sup>6</sup>And Hatach went forth to Mordecai, to the street of the city in front of the king's gate. <sup>7</sup>And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the money which Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews in order to destroy them. <sup>8</sup>Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree which was given at Shushan in order to destroy them, to show *it* to Esther and to declare *it* to her, and to command her that she should go in to the king to make supplication to him, and to seek help for her people. <sup>9</sup>And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. <sup>10</sup>Again Esther spoke to Hatach, and gave him command to Mordecai. <sup>11</sup>And the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his, execution, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter so that he may live. But I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.

<sup>12</sup>And they told Mordecai Esther's words. <sup>13</sup>And Mordecai commanded them to answer Esther, Do not think within yourself that you shall escape in the king's house more than all the Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for a time like this? <sup>15</sup>And Esther said to return to Mordecai *this answer*, <sup>16</sup>Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and do not eat nor drink three days, night or day. My maidens and I will also fast in the same way. And so I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish. <sup>17</sup>And Mordecai passed over and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And it happened on the third day, Esther put on royal *clothing*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, across from the king's house. And the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, across from the gate of the house. <sup>2</sup>And it happened when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she received favor in his sight. And the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that *was* in his hand. And Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter. <sup>3</sup>And the king said to her, What do you desire, queen Esther? And what *is* your wish? It shall be given to you even to half of the kingdom. <sup>4</sup>And Esther answered, If it *is* good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet which I have prepared for him. <sup>5</sup>And the king said, Cause Haman to hurry so that he may do as Esther has said. And the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

<sup>6</sup>And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition that it shall be granted to you? And what *is* your request? It shall be performed even to half of the kingdom. <sup>7</sup>And Esther answered and said, As to my petition and my request, <sup>8</sup>if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said. <sup>9</sup>And Haman went forth that day joyful and with a glad heart. But when

Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he did not stand up nor move for him, he was full of fury against Mordecai. <sup>10</sup>But Haman held himself in. And when he came home, he sent and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife. <sup>11</sup>And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and his many sons, and all *to* which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. <sup>12</sup>And Haman said, Yes, Esther the queen let no man but me come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared. And also tomorrow I am invited to her banquet, with the king. <sup>13</sup>Yet all this avails me nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. <sup>14</sup>And Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, Make a wooden *gallows*, fifty cubits high and tomorrow speak to the king that Mordecai may be hanged on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman, and he caused the wooden *gallows* to be made.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>On that night the king could not sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles. And they were read before the king. <sup>2</sup>And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bighana and Teresh, two of the king's officers, the keepers of the door who tried to lay a hand on king Ahasuerus. <sup>3</sup>And the king said, What honor and dignity has been done to Mordecai for this? And the king's servants who served him said, Nothing has been done for him. <sup>4</sup>And the king said, Who *is* in the court? And Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the wooden *gallows* which he had prepared for him. <sup>5</sup>And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. <sup>6</sup>So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? And Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? <sup>7</sup>And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, <sup>8</sup>let the royal clothing be brought, which the king wears, and the horse that the king rides on, and the royal crown which is set on his head. <sup>9</sup>And let this clothing and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes so that they may dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him, This is what shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. <sup>10</sup>And the king said to Haman, Make haste! Take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not fail to do any of all the things you have spoken. <sup>11</sup>And Haman took the clothing and the horse and dressed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, This is what shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!

<sup>12</sup>And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house mourning, and having his head covered. <sup>13</sup>And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, If Mordecai *is* of the seed of the Jews, before whom you have begun to fall, you shall not prevail against him but shall surely fall before him. <sup>14</sup>And while *they were* still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came. And they hurried to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And the king and Haman came to the banquet of Esther the queen. <sup>2</sup>And the king said again to Esther on the second day of the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition, queen Esther, that it may be granted you? And what *is* your request? And it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom. <sup>3</sup>And Esther the queen

answered and said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. <sup>4</sup>For we are sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to perish. But if we had been sold for men-slaves and women-slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could not make up for the king's damage. <sup>5</sup>And king Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, Who *is* he, and where *is* the one who dares presume in his heart to do so? <sup>6</sup>And Esther said, The man who is our adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. And Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. <sup>7</sup>And the king, arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace garden. And Haman stood up to beg for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. <sup>8</sup>And the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine. And Haman had fallen on the bed on which Esther *was*. And the king said, Will he also force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup>And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said before the king, Also look! the wooden *gallows* fifty cubits high which Haman made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him on it! <sup>10</sup>And they hanged Haman on the wooden *gallows* that he had prepared for Mordecai. And the king's wrath lay down.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>On that day king Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. <sup>2</sup>And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. <sup>3</sup>And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and begged him with tears to put away the evil of Haman the Agagite, and his plot which he had plotted against the Jews. <sup>4</sup>Then the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. And Esther arose and stood before the king, <sup>5</sup>and said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing *is* right before the king, and if I *am* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to bring back the documents — a sly plan by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite — which he wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king's provinces. <sup>6</sup>For how can I bear to see the evil that shall come on my people? Or how can I endure to see the slaughter of my kindred? <sup>7</sup>And king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and have hanged him on the wooden *gallows*, because he laid his hand on the Jews. <sup>8</sup>And you write for the Jews as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring. For the writing which is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring, no man may turn back. <sup>9</sup>Then the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month, the month Sivan, on the twenty-third of it. And it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the lieutenants and the governors and rulers of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to the writing of it, and to every people in their writing and according to their language. <sup>10</sup>And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus and sealed *it* with the king's ring. And he sent letters by riders on horseback, riders on royal steeds, stallions, *even* sons of mares. <sup>11</sup>In them the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to kill and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province who desired to attack them, little ones and women, and to take what they owned for a prize, <sup>12</sup>on one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, is the month Adar. <sup>13</sup>The copy of the writing

for a command to be given in every province was announced to all people, even that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. <sup>14</sup>The runners, riders on stallions, royal steeds, went out, being hurried and pressed on by the king's command. And the order was given at Shushan the palace. <sup>15</sup>And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal clothing of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. <sup>16</sup>The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. <sup>17</sup>And in every province, and in every city where the king's command and his order came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews, for the fear of the Jews fell on them.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And in the twelfth month, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his order came to be done, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them — though it was turned around, so that the Jews had rule over the ones who hated them. <sup>2</sup>The Jews gathered themselves in their cities throughout all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, in order to lay hand on any who sought their harm. And no man could withstand them, for the fear of them fell on all people. <sup>3</sup>And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants and the governors and officers of the king helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell on them. <sup>4</sup>For Mordecai was great in the house of the king, and his fame went throughout all the provinces. For this man Mordecai was going on and growing greater. <sup>5</sup>And the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would to those who hated them. <sup>6</sup>And in Shushan the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. <sup>7</sup>And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, <sup>8</sup>and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, <sup>9</sup>and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, <sup>10</sup>they killed the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil.

<sup>11</sup>On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. <sup>12</sup>And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? And what is your petition, that it may be granted you? Or what further request do you have? And it shall be done. <sup>13</sup>Then Esther said, If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the wooden *gallows*. <sup>14</sup>And the king commanded it to be done. And the order was given at Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons. <sup>15</sup>For the Jews in Shushan gathered themselves on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men at Shushan. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. <sup>16</sup>But the rest of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered themselves and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their foes. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. <sup>17</sup>And on the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. <sup>18</sup>But the Jews at Shushan gathered on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And on the fifteenth of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. <sup>19</sup>Therefore the Jews of the villages, who lived in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and a day of sending portions to one another.

<sup>20</sup>And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, near and far, <sup>21</sup>to establish among them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, <sup>22</sup>as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor. <sup>23</sup>And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them <sup>24</sup>because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, the lot, to finish them and to destroy them. <sup>25</sup>But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked plot which he had plotted against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the wooden *gallows*. <sup>26</sup>Therefore, they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore, for all the words of this letter, and which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them, <sup>27</sup>the Jews ordained, and took on them and on their seed, and on all such as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year <sup>28</sup>and *that* these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city and these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

<sup>29</sup>And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. <sup>30</sup>And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, <sup>31</sup>in order to confirm these days of Purim in their *set* times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had ordered them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed the matters of the fastings and of their cry. <sup>32</sup>And the order of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim. And it was written in the book.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And king Ahasuerus laid a tax on the land and on the isles of the sea. <sup>2</sup>And all the acts of his power and of might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, with which the king made him great, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? <sup>3</sup>For Mordecai the Jew *was* next to king Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and pleasing to the multitude of his brothers, seeking the wealth of his people and speaking peace to all his seed.

# THE BOOK OF JOB

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job. And that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God and turned aside from evil. <sup>2</sup>And there *were* born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup>And his possessions were seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

<sup>4</sup>And his sons went and feasted *in* the house of each one on his day. And they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. <sup>5</sup>And when they had gone around the days of feasting, Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. So Job did always.

<sup>6</sup>And a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, From where do you come? Then Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, Have you set your heart against My servant Job, because *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil? <sup>9</sup>And Satan answered the LORD and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup>Have You not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But put forth Your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, all that he has *is* in your power. Only do not lay your hand upon him. And Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>And a day came when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house. <sup>14</sup>And there came a messenger to Job and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them. <sup>15</sup>And the Sabeans fell *on* and took them away. Yea, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. <sup>16</sup>While he *was* still speaking, there also came another and said, The fire of God has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and destroyed them. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. <sup>17</sup>While he *was* still speaking, there also came another and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands and swooped down upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and have killed the servants with the edge of the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. <sup>18</sup>While he *was* still speaking, there also came another and said, Your sons and your daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house. <sup>19</sup>And, behold, a great wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. <sup>20</sup>And Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>And he said, I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God foolishly.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>After this a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them to present himself before the

LORD. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, From where do you come? And Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Have you set your heart on My servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil? And still he is keeping hold of his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause. <sup>4</sup>And Satan answered the LORD and said, Skin for skin yea, all that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup>Put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, he *is* in your hand, but save his life. <sup>7</sup>And Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. <sup>8</sup>And he took a broken piece of pottery to scrape himself with. And he sat down among the ashes. <sup>9</sup>And his wife said to him, Do you still hold to your integrity? Curse God and die! <sup>10</sup>But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

<sup>11</sup>And Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, and they each one came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had met together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. <sup>12</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and did not know him, they lifted up their voice and wept. And each one tore his robe, and they sprinkled dust upon their heads toward Heaven. <sup>13</sup>And they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights. And no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day. <sup>2</sup>And Job spoke and said, <sup>3</sup>Let the day perish in *which* I was born, and the night *which* said, A man-child is conceived. <sup>4</sup>Let that day be darkness. Let not God look upon it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. <sup>5</sup>Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it. Let a cloud dwell upon it; Let the blackness of the day terrify it. <sup>6</sup>As for that night, let darkness seize upon it. Let it not rejoice among the days of the year, Let it not come into the number of the months. <sup>7</sup>Lo, let that night be silent; let no joyful voice come in it. <sup>8</sup>Let those curse it who curse the day, who are ready to stir up Leviathan. <sup>9</sup>Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none. Let it not see the eyelids of the dawn. <sup>10</sup>For it did not shut up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hide sorrow from my eyes. <sup>11</sup>Why did I not die from the womb, come from the womb and expire? <sup>12</sup>Why did the knees go before me; or why the breasts, that I should suck? <sup>13</sup>For now I should have lain still and been quiet; I should have slept. Then I would have been at rest <sup>14</sup>with kings and wise men of the earth, who built ruins for themselves, <sup>15</sup>or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver; <sup>16</sup>or as a hidden untimely birth I would not have been, like infants *who* did not see light. <sup>17</sup>There the wicked cease *from* troubling, and there the weary are at rest; <sup>18</sup>the prisoners are at rest together; they hear not the voice of the slave driver. <sup>19</sup>The small and the great *are* there, and the slave *is* free from his master.

<sup>20</sup>Why is light given to one who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, <sup>21</sup>who is waiting for death, but it *comes* not; and dig for it more than *for* treasures? <sup>22</sup>They are rejoicing to exultation. They are glad when they can find the grave. <sup>23</sup>To a man whose way is hidden, God has made a hedge about him. <sup>24</sup>For my sighing comes before I eat, and my groanings are poured out like the waters. <sup>25</sup>For the thing

which I greatly feared has come upon me, and that which I was afraid of has come to me. <sup>26</sup>I was not in safety, nor did I have rest, nor was I quiet; yet trouble comes.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Eliphaz the Temanite answered: <sup>2</sup>Shall one try a word with you, you *who* are weary? But who can hold back with words? <sup>3</sup>Behold, you have instructed many, and you have made the weak hands strong. <sup>4</sup>Your words have upheld him who was falling, and you have made strong the feeble knees. <sup>5</sup>But now it has come upon you, and you faint. It touches you, and you are troubled. <sup>6</sup>Is not your reverence your hope? *Is not* your hope the uprightness of your ways? <sup>7</sup>Remember, please, who *ever* perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? <sup>8</sup>As I have seen, the ones who plow iniquity and sow wickedness reap the same. <sup>9</sup>By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of His nostrils they are destroyed. <sup>10</sup>The roar of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. <sup>11</sup>The strong lion perishes for lack of prey, and the strong lion's cubs are scattered abroad.

<sup>12</sup>And a word was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a little of it. <sup>13</sup>In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, <sup>14</sup>fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. <sup>15</sup>And a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up. <sup>16</sup>It stood still, but I could not tell the form of it. An image *was* before my eyes; silence; then I heard a voice, <sup>17</sup>Shall mortal *man* be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? <sup>18</sup>Behold, He puts no trust in His servants, and His angels He charges with folly! <sup>19</sup>How much less in those who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, *who* are crushed before the moth? <sup>20</sup>They are destroyed from morning till evening; they perish forever without anyone caring. <sup>21</sup>Is not their cord pulled within them? They die, but not with wisdom.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Call now, is there anyone who will answer you? And to which of the saints will you turn? <sup>2</sup>For vexation kills the fool, and envy slays the simple one. <sup>3</sup>I have seen the fool taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling place. <sup>4</sup>His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, nor *is there* any to deliver them. <sup>5</sup>Their harvest the hungry eats, and takes it even out of the thorns; and the snare swallows up their wealth. <sup>6</sup>For affliction does not come forth from the dust, nor does trouble spring up out of the ground; <sup>7</sup>but man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

<sup>8</sup>Truly, I would seek to God, and to God I would commit my cause <sup>9</sup>to God who does things great and beyond search; marvelous things without number, <sup>10</sup>who gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the field, <sup>11</sup>to set on high those who are low, so that those who mourn may be lifted up to safety; <sup>12</sup>frustrating the plans of the crafty, nor did their hands do wisely. <sup>13</sup>He takes the wise in their own craftiness; and the counsel of the wily is carried headlong. <sup>14</sup>They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night. <sup>15</sup>But He saves the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. <sup>16</sup>And there is hope for the weak, and injustice shuts her mouth.

<sup>17</sup>Behold, blessed *is* the man whom God corrects. Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. <sup>18</sup>For He makes sore, and binds up; He wounds, and His hands make whole. <sup>19</sup>He will deliver you in six troubles; yea, in seven no evil shall touch you. <sup>20</sup>In famine He shall redeem you from death; and in war from the power of the sword. <sup>21</sup>You shall be hidden from the whip of the tongue; neither shall you be afraid of robbery when it comes. <sup>22</sup>At destruction and famine you shall laugh; neither shall you be afraid of the beasts of the earth. <sup>23</sup>For you shall



be in covenant with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. <sup>24</sup>And you shall know that your tent *is in* peace; and you shall visit your fold, and shall miss nothing. <sup>25</sup>And you shall know that your seed will be numerous, and your offspring as the grass of the earth. <sup>26</sup>You shall come to *your* grave in a full age, like a shock of grain comes in its season. <sup>27</sup>Behold this: we have searched it; it *is* so. Hear it and know for yourself.

### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Oh that my grief were but weighed, and my ruin laid in the balances together! <sup>3</sup>For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash. <sup>4</sup>For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me, their fury is drinking my spirit; the terrors of God *are* set against me. <sup>5</sup>Does the wild ass bray when he has grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder? <sup>6</sup>Can that which has no taste be eaten without salt? Or is there taste in the white of an egg? <sup>7</sup>My soul refuses to touch *them*; they *are* sickening food to me. <sup>8</sup>Oh that I might have my desire, and that God would grant the thing that I long for! <sup>9</sup>Even that it would please God to destroy me; that He would loose His hand and cut me off! <sup>10</sup>And it is yet my comfort; yea, I would rejoice in pain, though He did not spare me; for I have not hidden the words of the Holy One. <sup>11</sup>What *is* my strength, that I should hope? And what *is* my end, that I should be patient? <sup>12</sup>*Is* my strength the strength of stones? Or *is* my flesh bronze? <sup>13</sup>*Is* not my help in me? And is wisdom fully driven away from me?

<sup>14</sup>To him who is afflicted, pity is due from his friend, but he forsakes the fear of the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook, as the streams of brooks they pass away; <sup>16</sup>brooks which are black because of the ice, in which the snow is hidden. <sup>17</sup>When they become warm, they go away; when it is hot, they vanish out of their place. <sup>18</sup>The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing and are lost. <sup>19</sup>The troops of Tema looked; the companies of Sheba hoped for them. <sup>20</sup>They were ashamed because they had hoped; they came there and were ashamed. <sup>21</sup>Surely now you are like them; you see *me* casting down, and are afraid. <sup>22</sup>Did I say, Give to me? or, Offer a bribe to me from your wealth; <sup>23</sup>or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand; or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty? <sup>24</sup>Teach me, and I will be silent; and cause me to understand where I have gone astray. <sup>25</sup>Right words are powerful, but what does your arguing argue? <sup>26</sup>Do you intend to criticize words, and the speeches of one who is hopeless, *that are* as wind? <sup>27</sup>Yea, you cause anger to fall on the fatherless, and you dig a *pit* for your friend. <sup>28</sup>And now, please look on me; for if I lie, *it is* before your face. <sup>29</sup>Turn back, please let there be no sin; yea, return again, my righteousness *is* in this matter. <sup>30</sup>Is there wrong in my tongue? Cannot my taste discern desirable things?

### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>*Is* there not a warfare to man on earth? *Are not* his days also like the days of a hireling? <sup>2</sup>As a servant earnestly desires the shadow, and as a hireling looks for his wages, <sup>3</sup>so I am made to possess months of vanity, and weary nights are appointed to me. <sup>4</sup>When I lie down, I say, When shall I rise? But the night is long, and I am full of tossing to and fro until the dawning of the day. <sup>5</sup>My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken and has run afresh. <sup>6</sup>My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are ended without hope. <sup>7</sup>Remember that my life *is* a breath; my eye shall no more see good. <sup>8</sup>The eye of him who has seen me shall see me no more; Your eyes are on me, and I am gone. <sup>9</sup>As the cloud falls and vanishes away, so he who goes down to the grave shall come up no *more*. <sup>10</sup>He shall return no more to his house, nor shall his place know him any more.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore I will not hold my mouth; I will speak in the trouble of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>12</sup>*Am* I like the sea, or a whale, that You set a watch over me? <sup>13</sup>When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint, <sup>14</sup>then You scare me with dreams, and terrify me with visions; <sup>15</sup>so that my soul chooses strangling, death rather than my life. <sup>16</sup>I despise them; I would not live always; let me alone, for my days *are* vanity. <sup>17</sup>What *is* man, that You should magnify him, and *that* You should set Your heart on him, <sup>18</sup>and visit him every morning, trying him every moment? <sup>19</sup>Until when will You look away from me, nor let me alone until I swallow down my spittle? <sup>20</sup>I have sinned. What shall I do to You, O Watcher of men? Why have You set me as a target for You, so that I am a burden to myself? <sup>21</sup>And why do You not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? For now I shall sleep in the dust, and You shall seek me in the morning, but *I shall not be*.

### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>How long will you speak these *things*, since the words of your mouth *are like* a strong wind? <sup>3</sup>Does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice? <sup>4</sup>If your children have sinned against Him, and if He has cast them away for their transgression, <sup>5</sup>if you would seek earnestly to God and make your prayer to the Almighty; <sup>6</sup>if you *were* pure and upright, surely now He would awake for you, and make the dwelling-place of your righteousness blessed. <sup>7</sup>And *if* your beginning was small, yet your end would greatly increase. <sup>8</sup>For please ask of the former age, and prepare yourself to the search of their fathers, <sup>9</sup>for we *are but of* yesterday and know nothing, because our days on earth *are* a shadow. <sup>10</sup>Shall they not teach you, *and* tell you, and speak words out of their heart? <sup>11</sup>Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the reed-grass grow without water? <sup>12</sup>While it *is* yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it dries out before any *other* herb. <sup>13</sup>So *are* the paths of all who forget God; and the hope of the ungodly shall perish. <sup>14</sup>His hope shall be cut off, and his trust *shall be* in a spider's web. <sup>15</sup>He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold fast to it, but it shall not endure. <sup>16</sup>*He is* moist before the sun, and his branches shoot forth in his garden. <sup>17</sup>His roots are wrapped around the heap, *and* he sees the place of stones. <sup>18</sup>If he is destroyed from his place, then *it* shall deny him: I have not seen you. <sup>19</sup>Behold, *this is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. <sup>20</sup>Behold, God will not cast away the innocent, nor will He help the evildoers, <sup>21</sup>until He fills your mouth with laughter, and your lips with rejoicing. <sup>22</sup>Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

### CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Truly I know *it is* so, but how can man be just with God? <sup>3</sup>If he will argue with Him, he cannot answer Him one of a thousand. <sup>4</sup>*He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and been blessed; <sup>5</sup>*or He* who removes the mountains, and they know it not, when He overturns them in His anger; <sup>6</sup>He who shakes the earth out of its place, and the pillars of it tremble; <sup>7</sup>He who commands the sun, and it does not rise; and seals up the stars; <sup>8</sup>who alone stretches out the heavens, and walks on the waves of the sea; <sup>9</sup>who made the Bear, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south; <sup>10</sup>who is doing great things past finding out; yea, marvelous things without number?

<sup>11</sup>Behold! He goes by me, and I do not see Him; He passes on also, but I do not perceive Him. <sup>12</sup>Behold, He takes away; who can turn Him back? Who will say to Him, What are You doing? <sup>13</sup>God will not withdraw His anger; the helpers

of pride stoop under Him. <sup>14</sup>How much less shall I answer Him, and choose my arguments with Him? <sup>15</sup>Whom, though I were righteous, yet I would not answer; I seek mercy for my judgment. <sup>16</sup>If I had called and He had answered me, yet would I not believe that He had listened to my voice; <sup>17</sup>He who breaks me with a tempest, and multiplies my wounds without cause; <sup>18</sup>who will not allow me to take my breath, but fills me with bitterness. <sup>19</sup>If I speak of strength, lo, He is mighty! And if of judgment, who shall set me a time? <sup>20</sup>If I justify myself, my own mouth shall condemn me; though I am perfect, He shall declare me perverse. <sup>21</sup>Though I were perfect, yet I would not know my soul. I would despise my life. <sup>22</sup>It is One, therefore I said, He is consuming the perfect and the wicked. <sup>23</sup>If the whip kills suddenly, He will mock at the calamity of the innocent. <sup>24</sup>The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covers the faces of its judges; if it is not He, then who is it?

<sup>25</sup>Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good. <sup>26</sup>They have passed away like the swift ships; like the eagle who swoops on the prey. <sup>27</sup>If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will depart from my heaviness and be of good cheer, <sup>28</sup>I am afraid of all my sorrows; I know that You will not hold me innocent. <sup>29</sup>I have been condemned; why then should I labor in vain? <sup>30</sup>If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands ever so clean, <sup>31</sup>yet You will plunge me into the ditch and my own clothes shall despise me. <sup>32</sup>For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him, that we should come together in judgment; <sup>33</sup>there is no mediator between us, who might lay his hand on us both. <sup>34</sup>Let Him take His rod away from me, and let not His fear make me afraid; <sup>35</sup>then would I speak and not fear Him; for it is not so with me.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint on my self; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup>I will say to God, Do not condemn me; make me know why You contend with me. <sup>3</sup>Is it good to You that You should press down, that You should despise the work of Your hands, and shine on the counsel of the wicked? <sup>4</sup>Have You eyes of flesh? Or do You see as a man sees? <sup>5</sup>Are Your days like the days of man? Are Your years like man's days, <sup>6</sup>that You seek out my iniquity, and search for my sin? <sup>7</sup>You know that I am not wicked; and there is none who can deliver out of Your hand. <sup>8</sup>Your hands have made me and shaped me, together all around; yet You destroy me. <sup>9</sup>Remember, I beseech You, that You have formed me as the clay; and will You bring me into the dust again? <sup>10</sup>Have You not poured me out like milk, and curdled me like cheese? <sup>11</sup>You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and have fenced me with bones and sinews. <sup>12</sup>You have granted me life and favor, and Your providence has preserved my spirit. <sup>13</sup>And these have You hidden in Your heart; I know that this was with You. <sup>14</sup>If I sin, when You mark me, and You will not acquit me from my iniquity. <sup>15</sup>If I am wicked, woe to me; and I am righteous, I will not lift up my head being filled with shame, and looking on my affliction. <sup>16</sup>For it increases! You hunt me as a fierce lion; and again You show Yourself marvelous on me. <sup>17</sup>You renew Your witnesses against me, and increase Your anger on me; changes and warfare are against me. <sup>18</sup>Why then have You brought me from the womb? Oh that I had given up the spirit, and no eye had seen me! <sup>19</sup>I should have been as though I had not been; I would have been carried from the womb to the grave. <sup>20</sup>Are not my days few? Cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, <sup>21</sup>before I go, and I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; <sup>22</sup>a land of thick darkness, as darkness itself, a land of the shadow of death, without any order, and the light is as darkness.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified? <sup>3</sup>Should your lies make men silent? And *will* you mock, shall no one make you ashamed? <sup>4</sup>For you have said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in Your eyes. <sup>5</sup>But who will grant that God would speak, and open His lips against you, <sup>6</sup>and would tell you the secrets of His wisdom, that sound wisdom is manifold? Know therefore that God forgets for you *some* of your iniquity. <sup>7</sup>Can you by searching find out God? Can you perfectly find out the Almighty? <sup>8</sup>Heights of the heavens! What can you do? *It is* deeper than hell, what can you know? <sup>9</sup>The measure of it is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. <sup>10</sup>If He passes through and shuts up, or gathers together, then who can turn Him back? <sup>11</sup>For He knows vain men; and when He sees wickedness, will He not search *it*? <sup>12</sup>For foolish man would be wise, and man is born a wild ass's colt. <sup>13</sup>If you prepare your heart and stretch out your hands toward Him; <sup>14</sup>if iniquity *is* in your hand, put it far away, and do not let wickedness dwell in your tents; <sup>15</sup>surely then you shall lift up your face without spot; yea, you shall be steadfast and shall not fear; <sup>16</sup>for you shall forget *your* misery, and you shall remember *it* as waters *that* pass away. <sup>17</sup>And your lifetime shall be clearer than the noonday; though there be darkness, you shall be as the morning. <sup>18</sup>And you shall be safe, because there is hope; yea, you shall look around *you*, and you shall take your rest in safety. <sup>19</sup>You shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. Yea, many shall seek your favor. <sup>20</sup>But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall have no escape, and their hope *shall be like* the giving up of the spirit.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>For truly you *are* the people, and wisdom will die with you. <sup>3</sup>But I have understanding as well as you; I do not fall short of you; yea, who does not know such things as these? <sup>4</sup>I am a laughing-stock to his friends — who calls on God, and He answers him — the just, the upright one is laughed to scorn; <sup>5</sup>a flaming brand despised in the thoughts of him who *feels* secure; *it is* ready for those *with* slipping feet. <sup>6</sup>The tents of robbers are at peace, and those who provoke God are sure, in whatever God brings to their hand. <sup>7</sup>But now ask the animals, and they shall teach you; and the birds of the air, and they shall tell you; <sup>8</sup>or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; and the fish of the sea shall declare it to you; <sup>9</sup>who of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? <sup>10</sup>In whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all flesh of man? <sup>11</sup>Does not the ear try words? And does not the mouth taste its food? <sup>12</sup>With the aged *is* wisdom, and understanding in length of days. <sup>13</sup>With Him *is* wisdom and strength; He has wisdom and understanding. <sup>14</sup>Behold, He breaks down, and it can not be built up again; He shuts up a man, and there can be no opening. <sup>15</sup>Behold, He withholds the waters, and they dry up; also He sends them out, and they overturn the earth. <sup>16</sup>With Him *is* strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His. <sup>17</sup>He leads wise men away stripped, and makes the judges fools. <sup>18</sup>He cuts away the bonds of kings, and binds their loins with a girdle. <sup>19</sup>He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. <sup>20</sup>He removes the speech of the men of trust, and takes away the understanding of the aged. <sup>21</sup>He pours scorn on princes, and unties the belt of the mighty. <sup>22</sup>He discovers deep things out of darkness, and brings the shadow of death to light. <sup>23</sup>He gives greatness to the nations, and destroys them. He spreads out the nations, and leads them away. <sup>24</sup>He takes away the heart of the chief of the people of the land, and causes them to wander in a wilderness *where there is* no path. <sup>25</sup>They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them to stagger like a drunkard.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Lo, my eye has seen all *this*, my ear has heard and understood it. <sup>2</sup>What you know, I know also I do not fall short of you. <sup>3</sup>Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case before God. <sup>4</sup>But you *are* makers of lies; you *are* all worthless healers. <sup>5</sup>Oh that you would stop speaking entirely! And it would be your wisdom. <sup>6</sup>Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips. <sup>7</sup>Would you speak unrighteously for God, and talk deceitfully for Him? <sup>8</sup>Will you lift up His person, or contend for God? <sup>9</sup>Is it good that He should search you out? Or as one man mocks another, do you mock Him? <sup>10</sup>He will surely blame you, if you secretly lift up persons. <sup>11</sup>Shall not His highness make you afraid, and his dread fall on you? <sup>12</sup>Your remembered sayings *are* like ashes, your bodies like bodies of clay. <sup>13</sup>Be quiet. Let me alone so that I may speak, and let come on me what *may*. <sup>14</sup>Why do I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand? <sup>15</sup>Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him, but I will maintain my own ways before Him. <sup>16</sup>He also *is* my salvation, that an ungodly one shall not come before Him. <sup>17</sup>Listen carefully to my words, and let what I say be in your ears. <sup>18</sup>Behold now, I have set my cause in order; I know that I shall be justified. <sup>19</sup>Who *is* he *that* will plead for me, for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the spirit.

<sup>20</sup>Only do not do two *things* to me; then I will not hide myself from You. <sup>21</sup>Withdraw Your hand far from me, and let not Your fear make me afraid. <sup>22</sup>Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer You me. <sup>23</sup>How many *are* my iniquities and sins? Make known my transgressions and my sin. <sup>24</sup>Why do You hide Your face, and hold me for Your enemy? <sup>25</sup>Will You terrify a leaf driven to and fro? Will You pursue the dry stubble? <sup>26</sup>For You write bitter things against me, and make me to possess the sins of my youth. <sup>27</sup>You put my feet also in the stocks, and look closely to all my paths; You set a limit for the soles of my feet. <sup>28</sup>And he wears out like a rotten thing, like a garment *that* a moth eats.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>Man born of woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup>He comes forth like a flower, and withers; he also flees as a shadow, and does not stay. <sup>3</sup>And You open Your eyes on such *a* one, and bring me into judgment with You. <sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? No one! <sup>5</sup>For his days *are* fixed, the number of his months *is* with You, and You have set his bounds so that he cannot pass; <sup>6</sup>look away from him, so that he may rest until he shall finish his day, as a hireling.

<sup>7</sup>For there is hope of a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch of it will not cease. <sup>8</sup>Though its root becomes old in the earth, and its stump dies in the dust; <sup>9</sup>yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant. <sup>10</sup>But man dies and *is* cut off; and man expires, and where *is* he? <sup>11</sup>As the waters fail from the sea, and a river falls away and dries up, <sup>12</sup>so man lies down and does not rise. Till the heavens *are* no more, they shall not awake, nor be awakened out of their sleep.

<sup>13</sup>Who will grant that *You* would hide me in the grave, that *You* would keep me secret, until Your wrath is past, that *You* would set me a fixed time and remember me? <sup>14</sup>If a man die, shall he revive? All the days of my warfare I will wait, until my change comes. <sup>15</sup>You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall have a desire to the work of Your hands. <sup>16</sup>For now You number my steps; do You not watch over my sin? <sup>17</sup>My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and You cover over my iniquity. <sup>18</sup>And surely a falling mountain crumbles away, and the rock moved out of its place. <sup>19</sup>The waters wear the stones; its outpouring wash the dust of the earth; and You cause the hope of man to perish. <sup>20</sup>You overpower him forever, and he passes; You change his face, and send him away. <sup>21</sup>His sons come to honor,

and he knows it not; they fall, but he does not mark it. <sup>22</sup>But his flesh is pained within him; and his soul mourns over him.

#### CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>*Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?* <sup>3</sup>Should he reason with talk *that is not useful, or with speeches which have no profit?* <sup>4</sup>Yea, you do away with fear, and take away prayer before God. <sup>5</sup>For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the tongue of the crafty. <sup>6</sup>Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; yes, your own lips testify against you. <sup>7</sup>*Were you the first man born? Or were you made before the hills?* <sup>8</sup>Have you heard the secret counsel of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself? <sup>9</sup>What do you know that we do not know, or understand that *is not with us?* <sup>10</sup>With us *are both the gray-headed and aged, mightier than your father as to days.* <sup>11</sup>*Are the comforts of God small with you, and a word dealing gently with you?* <sup>12</sup>Why does your heart carry you away? And what do your eyes wink at, <sup>13</sup>that you turn your spirit against God, and let *such words go out of your mouth?* <sup>14</sup>What *is man, that he should be clean? And what is he born of a woman that he should be righteous?* <sup>15</sup>Behold, He puts no trust in His saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight. <sup>16</sup>How much more hateful and filthy is man, who drinks iniquity like water?

<sup>17</sup>I will show you; hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare, <sup>18</sup>that which wise men have told, and have not hidden from their fathers; <sup>19</sup>to them alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. <sup>20</sup>The wicked man labors in pain all *his days*, and the number of years is hidden for the ruthless one. <sup>21</sup>A fearful sound *is in his ears; in peace the destroyer shall come on him.* <sup>22</sup>He does not believe that he shall come back out of darkness; he is awaited by the sword. <sup>23</sup>He wanders for bread, *saying, Where is it?* He knows that the day of darkness is ready at hand. <sup>24</sup>Trouble and pain shall terrify him; they shall overpower him, as a king ready for the battle; <sup>25</sup>because he stretches out his hand against God, and sets himself against the Almighty. <sup>26</sup>He runs at him, with a *stiff neck*, with the thick layers of his shields, <sup>27</sup>because he has covered his face with fat; he has put fat on *his loins.* <sup>28</sup>And he lives *in ruined cities, in houses where not any lives, which are ready to become heaps.* <sup>29</sup>He shall not be rich, nor shall his wealth hold out, nor shall he stretch out his gain on the earth. <sup>30</sup>He shall not escape from darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and at the breath of his mouth he shall turn away. <sup>31</sup>Let not *he being deceived trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his reward.* <sup>32</sup>It shall be done before his time, and his branch shall not be green. <sup>33</sup>He shall shake off its unripe grape, as the vine; and shall cast off his flower like the olive. <sup>34</sup>For the company of the ungodly *shall be barren, and fire shall devour the tents of bribery.* <sup>35</sup>They conceive mischief, and bring forth evil, and their belly prepares deceit.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>I have heard many such *things. You are all miserable comforters.* <sup>3</sup>*Shall words of wind have an end? Or what provokes you that you should answer?* <sup>4</sup>I also could speak as you *do; if your soul were in my soul's place. I could heap up words against you, and shake my head at you.* <sup>5</sup>I might make you strong with my mouth, and the moving of my lips would spare you. <sup>6</sup>Though I speak, my pain is not held back, and *though I forbear, in what way am I eased?* <sup>7</sup>But now He has made me weary; You have made all my company desolate. <sup>8</sup>And you have snatched me away; for it *is a witness against me; and my failure rises up against me, and it answers to my face.* <sup>9</sup>His anger has torn and hated me; He gnashes on me with His teeth; my enemy sharpens His eyes at me;

<sup>10</sup>They have gaped on me with their mouth; and have scornfully beaten me on the cheek; they gather themselves against me. <sup>11</sup>God has delivered me to the perverse; and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. <sup>12</sup>I was at ease, but He has broken me in pieces; yea, *He has* also taken me by my neck and shaken me to pieces and set me up for His mark. <sup>13</sup>His archers hem me in; He splits my inward parts, and does not spare; He pours out my gall on the ground. <sup>14</sup>He breaks me with break on break; He runs on me like a giant. <sup>15</sup>I have sewed sackcloth on my skin and thrust my horn in the dust. <sup>16</sup>My face is reddened from weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death; <sup>17</sup>though no violence *is* in my hand, and my prayer *is* pure.

<sup>18</sup>Oh earth, do not cover my blood, and let not my cry have a place. <sup>19</sup>Also now, behold, my Witness is in Heaven, and He who testifies of me is on high. <sup>20</sup>My friends scorn me; my eye pours out *tears* to God. <sup>21</sup>Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleads* for his neighbor! <sup>22</sup>For the years that are few will come, and I shall go the way *from where* I shall not return.

### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>My spirit is broken, my days are ended, the graves are ready for me. <sup>2</sup>*Are* not mockeries with me? Yea, my eye rests on their insults. <sup>3</sup>Please lay down a pledge for me with Yourself; who *is* he *who* will strike hands with me? <sup>4</sup>For You have hidden their heart from understanding; therefore You shall not lift *them* up. <sup>5</sup>He who for a share speaks flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

<sup>6</sup>He has made me also a byword of the peoples; and I have become one in whose face they spit. <sup>7</sup>My eye also is dim from grief; and all my members are like a shadow. <sup>8</sup>Upright ones shall be amazed at this, and the innocent shall stir himself up against the ungodly. <sup>9</sup>The righteous also shall hold *on* his way, and he who has clean hands adds strength.

<sup>10</sup>And now all of them, go back, and please come again; and I shall not find among you a wise man <sup>11</sup>My days are past, my purposes are broken off, the desires of my heart. <sup>12</sup>They set night for day; the light *is* near in the face of darkness. <sup>13</sup>If I wait for the grave as my home; I have made my bed in the darkness; <sup>14</sup>I have said to corruption, You *are* my father; to the worm, My mother and my sister! <sup>15</sup>And where then *is* my hope? And as *for* my hope, who shall see it? <sup>16</sup>They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* descent together *is* in the dust.

### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Until when *will* you set a snare for words? Understand, and afterwards we will speak. <sup>3</sup>Why are we counted as cattle, or seem stupid in your sight? <sup>4</sup>He tears himself in his anger; shall the earth be forsaken for you? And shall the rock be moved out of its place? <sup>5</sup>Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. <sup>6</sup>The light shall be dark in his tent, and his candle shall be put out with him. <sup>7</sup>The steps of his strength shall be hampered, and his own plans shall throw him down. <sup>8</sup>For he is thrown into a net by his own feet, and he walks on a net. <sup>9</sup>The trap shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the robber shall hold sway against him. <sup>10</sup>The noose *is* laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. <sup>11</sup>Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall scatter him at his feet. <sup>12</sup>His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and trouble *shall be* ready at his side. <sup>13</sup>It shall devour the strength of his skin; *even* the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. <sup>14</sup>His hope shall be rooted out of his tent, and you marched to the king of terrors. <sup>15</sup>What *is* not his shall dwell in his tent; brimstone shall be scattered on his home. <sup>16</sup>His roots shall be dried up beneath, and his branch shall wither above. <sup>17</sup>His memory shall

perish from the earth, and there *is* no name to him on the face of the street. <sup>18</sup>They drive him from light to darkness, and they make him flee from the world. <sup>19</sup>He shall have neither son nor kinsman among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. <sup>20</sup>Those after him shall be amazed at his day; and those before were seized *with* horror. <sup>21</sup>Surely these *are* the dwellings of the perverse, and this the place that has not known God.

### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>How long will you torment my soul and break me in pieces with words? <sup>3</sup>This ten times you have blamed me; you are not ashamed that you have wronged me. <sup>4</sup>And *if* indeed I have erred, my error remains with me. <sup>5</sup>If indeed you magnify *yourself* against me, and plead against me my misery, <sup>6</sup>know now that God has overthrown me, and His net has closed on me. <sup>7</sup>Behold, I cry out, Violence! And I am not answered. I cry aloud, but *there is* no justice. <sup>8</sup>He has fenced up my way so that I cannot pass, and He has set darkness in my paths. <sup>9</sup>He has stripped me of my glory, and has taken the crown *from* my head. <sup>10</sup>He has broken me on every side, and I am gone, and He has uprooted my hope like a tree. <sup>11</sup>He has also kindled His wrath against me, and to Himself He counts me as *one* of His enemies. <sup>12</sup>His troops come together and raise up their way against me, and camp around my tent.

<sup>13</sup>He has put my brothers far from me, and my friends have truly turned away from me. <sup>14</sup>My people have fallen away, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. <sup>15</sup>Those who dwell in my house, and my maids, count me as a stranger; I am a foreigner in their sight. <sup>16</sup>I called my servant, and he gave no answer; I must beg him with my mouth. <sup>17</sup>My breath is hated by my wife, and I must beg to the sons of my *mother's* womb. <sup>18</sup>Even young children despise me; I arose, and they spoke against me. <sup>19</sup>All my close friends turned away from me; and those whom I loved have turned against me. <sup>20</sup>My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped with the skin of my teeth. <sup>21</sup>Have pity on me! Have pity on me, my friends! For the hand of God has touched me. <sup>22</sup>Why do you, like God, persecute me and why are you not satisfied with my flesh? <sup>23</sup>Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were engraved in a book! <sup>24</sup>Oh that they were cut with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, and He shall rise on the earth at the last; <sup>26</sup>and *even* after they corrupt my skin, yet this: in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not a stranger's; *though* My heart be exhausted in my bosom.

<sup>28</sup>For you ought to say, Why do we persecute him, since the root of the matter is found in me? <sup>29</sup>Fear for yourselves because of the sword; for wrath *brings* the punishments of the sword, so that you may know *there is* a judgment.

### CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Therefore my thoughts cause me to answer, even because of my haste in me. <sup>3</sup>I have heard the rebuke meant to shame me, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer. <sup>4</sup>Do you know this from *days* of old, from the setting of man on earth, <sup>5</sup>that the exulting of the wicked is short, and the joy of the ungodly is only for a moment? <sup>6</sup>Though his honor mounts up to the heavens, and his head reaches to the clouds, <sup>7</sup>he shall perish forever like his dung; they who see him shall say, Where is he? <sup>8</sup>He flies away like a dream, and shall not be found, and shall be chased away like a vision of the night. <sup>9</sup>An eye glimpsed him, but will not again; yea, his place shall not see him again. <sup>10</sup>His sons shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore his wealth. <sup>11</sup>His bones are full of his youthful vigor, but it lies down with him in the dust. <sup>12</sup>*Though* wickedness is sweet in his mouth, *though* he hides it under his



tongue; <sup>13</sup>though he spares it and will not leave it; yea, keeps it still in his mouth; <sup>14</sup>yet his food in his belly shall be turned; the gall of asps *is* within him. <sup>15</sup>He swallows riches, but vomits it; God shall cast them out of his belly. <sup>16</sup>He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him. <sup>17</sup>He shall not see the rivers, the flowings of the brooks of honey and butter, <sup>18</sup>giving back his gain, and he will not eat. As to the wealth of his trading, even he shall not enjoy it. <sup>19</sup>For he pressed down and forsook the poor; he stole a house, but he had not built it. <sup>20</sup>Surely he shall not know quietness in his belly; he will not escape with the things of desire. <sup>21</sup>None of his food shall be left; therefore his good will not last. <sup>22</sup>In the fullness of his plenty he shall be in trouble; every wretched one shall come on him. <sup>23</sup>It shall happen at the filling of his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of His wrath on him, and He shall rain on him while he is eating. <sup>24</sup>He shall flee from the iron weapon, a bow of bronze shall pierce him. <sup>25</sup>One draws it, and treads it from behind, even lightning from his gall; terror *is* on him. <sup>26</sup>All darkness *shall be* hidden in his secret places; a fire not blown shall consume him; those left in his tent shall be broken. <sup>27</sup>The heavens shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. <sup>28</sup>The increase of his house shall depart, and shall flow away in the day of his wrath. <sup>29</sup>This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the inheritance of his word from God.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Listen carefully to my speech, and let this be your comfort. <sup>3</sup>Rise with me and I shall speak; and after I have spoken, mock on. <sup>4</sup>As for me, is my complaint to man? And why should my spirit not be troubled? <sup>5</sup>Turn to me and be amazed, and lay your hand on *your* mouth. <sup>6</sup>And if I remember, I am afraid, and trembling takes hold on my flesh. <sup>7</sup>Why do the wicked live? They grow old and become mighty *in* power? <sup>8</sup>Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. <sup>9</sup>Their houses *are* in peace, without fear; nor *is* the rod of God on them. <sup>10</sup>Their bull mates and does not fail; their cow calves, and does not cast her calf. <sup>11</sup>They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. <sup>12</sup>They lift up *voice* at the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the flute. <sup>13</sup>They spend their days in good, and in a moment go down to the grave. <sup>14</sup>And they say to God, Depart from us; for we do not desire the knowledge of your ways — <sup>15</sup>what is the Almighty, that we should serve him? And what profit should we have if we pray to him?

<sup>16</sup>Behold, their good is not in their hand; the wisdom of the wicked is far from me. <sup>17</sup>How often is the lamp of the wicked put out, and their trouble comes on them! He shares out pains in His anger; <sup>18</sup>they are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff *that* the storm steals away. <sup>19</sup>God lays up his iniquity for his children. He repays him, and he knows. <sup>20</sup>His eyes shall see his ruin, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. <sup>21</sup>For what *is* his pleasure in his house after him, and the number of his months is cut off? <sup>22</sup>Shall *any* teach God knowledge, since He shall judge the exalted?

<sup>23</sup>One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. <sup>24</sup>His sides are full of milk, his bones are wet with marrow. <sup>25</sup>And another dies with bitter soul, and never eats with pleasure. <sup>26</sup>They lie down together in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

<sup>27</sup>Behold, I know your thoughts, and the plots *which* you wrongfully hatch against me. <sup>28</sup>For you say, Where *is* the house of the noble, and where the dwelling-places of the wicked? <sup>29</sup>Did you not ask those who go by the way? And do you not know their signs, <sup>30</sup>that the wicked is kept for the day of calamity? They shall be brought to the day of wrath. <sup>31</sup>Who shall declare his way to his face?

And who shall repay him *what* he has done? <sup>32</sup>Yet he shall be brought to the grave, and watch shall be kept over *his* tomb. <sup>33</sup>And the clods of the valley shall be sweet to him and every man shall draw after him, as *there is* no numbering of those before him. <sup>34</sup>How then do you comfort me in vain, since in your answers remain transgression?

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Can a man be useful to God, as he who is wise may be useful to himself? <sup>3</sup>*Is it any* pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or is it gain *to Him* that you make your ways perfect? <sup>4</sup>Will He reprove you because of your reverence, or enter into judgment with you? <sup>5</sup>*Is not* your wickedness great, and your iniquity without measure? <sup>6</sup>For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing. <sup>7</sup>You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have held back bread from the hungry. <sup>8</sup>But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth, and the honored man lived in it. <sup>9</sup>You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. <sup>10</sup>Therefore snares *are* all around you, and sudden fear troubles you; <sup>11</sup>or darkness, so that you cannot see; and a flood of waters covers you. <sup>12</sup>*Is not* God high in Heaven? And behold the leading stars, for *they are* high. <sup>13</sup>And you say, What does God know? Can He judge through the dark cloud? <sup>14</sup>Clouds *are* a covering to Him, so that He does not see; and He walks in the circuit of Heaven. <sup>15</sup>Do you keep to the old way which wicked men have walked? <sup>16</sup>*They* were seized, but *there was* not time; their foundation was poured out *by* a flood; <sup>17</sup>who said to God, Depart from us; and, What can the Almighty do to them? <sup>18</sup>Yet He filled their houses with substance; and the wisdom of the wicked is far from me. <sup>19</sup>The righteous see *it*, and are glad; and the innocent laugh them to scorn. <sup>20</sup>Truly our foe is not cut down, and fire has eaten their wealth.

<sup>21</sup>Now be of service with Him, and be at peace. Good shall come to you by them. <sup>22</sup>Please receive the law from His mouth and lay up *His* words in your heart. <sup>23</sup>If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up; you shall put away injustice far from your tents. <sup>24</sup>Then you shall lay up gold like dust, and among the rock of the torrents of Ophir. <sup>25</sup>Yea, the Almighty shall be your gold and silver, strength to you. <sup>26</sup>For then you shall have your delight in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face to God. <sup>27</sup>You shall make your prayer to Him, and He shall hear you, and you shall pay your vows. <sup>28</sup>You shall also order a thing, and it shall be fulfilled to you; and the light shall shine on your ways. <sup>29</sup>For they have humiliated *you*, and you shall say, Pride! And He shall save the lowly of eyes. <sup>30</sup>He shall deliver *one* not innocent, and will deliver by the pureness of your hands.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Even today *is* my complaint bitter; my stroke is heavier than my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh that I knew *where* I might find Him! that I might come *even* to His seat! <sup>4</sup>I would order *my* cause before Him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would know the words *which* He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Will He plead against me with His great power? No, surely He would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There the righteous might reason with Him; and I would be delivered forever from my Judge. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I go forward, but He *is not* there; and backward, but I cannot see Him; <sup>9</sup>on the left hand, where He works, but I cannot behold Him. He hides Himself on the right hand, so that I cannot see *Him*. <sup>10</sup>But He knows the way that I take; *when* He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. <sup>11</sup>My foot has held fast in His steps; I have kept His way, and have not fallen away; <sup>12</sup>nor have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I treasured the words of His mouth more than my portion. <sup>13</sup>But He *is* in one

*mind*, and who can turn Him? Yea, *what* His soul desires, He does it. <sup>14</sup>For He fulfilled my lot, and many *things* like these are with Him. <sup>15</sup>Therefore I am troubled at His presence; when I look, I am afraid of Him. <sup>16</sup>For God makes my heart soft, and the Almighty troubles me; <sup>17</sup>because I was not cut off before the darkness; yea, He covered the darkness from my face.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>Since times are not hidden from the Almighty, why do those who know Him not see His days? <sup>2</sup>They remove the landmarks; they seize flocks and feed them. <sup>3</sup>They drive away the ass of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge. <sup>4</sup>They turn the needy out of the way; the poor of the earth hide themselves together. <sup>5</sup>Behold, *like* wild asses in the desert, they go forth to their work, rising early for a prey. The wilderness *yields* food for them and for *their* children. <sup>6</sup>They reap his fodder in the field; and they gather the grapes of the wicked. <sup>7</sup>They lodge the naked without clothing, and *give* no covering in the cold. <sup>8</sup>They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for lack of shelter. <sup>9</sup>They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge from the poor. <sup>10</sup>They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaves from the hungry. <sup>11</sup>They press out oil between their walls; they tread *their* winepresses, and still suffer thirst. <sup>12</sup>Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries for help; yet God does not charge foolishness. <sup>13</sup>They are of those who rebel against the light; they know not His ways, nor stay in His paths. <sup>14</sup>The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night he is a thief. <sup>15</sup>And the eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye will see me; and he puts a covering *on his* face. <sup>16</sup>In the dark they dig through houses which they had marked for themselves in the daytime; they do not know the light. <sup>17</sup>For the morning is to them like the shadow of death; for they know the terrors of the shadow of death. <sup>18</sup>He is swift on the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; he does not behold the way of the vineyards. <sup>19</sup>Drought and heat eat up the snow waters; *so does* the grave *those who* have sinned. <sup>20</sup>The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be remembered no more; and injustice shall be broken like a tree. <sup>21</sup>He ill-treats the women who bear no children; and does no good to the widow. <sup>22</sup>He also draws the mighty with his power; he rises up, and no one is sure of life. <sup>23</sup>He gives safety to him, and he rests on it; yet his eyes are on their ways. <sup>24</sup>They are lifted up for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are gathered in *like* all *others*, and are cut off like the heads of the ears of grain. <sup>25</sup>And if *it is* not *so*, who will make me a liar, and make my speech worth nothing?

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Rule and fear *are* with Him; *He* makes peace in His high places. <sup>3</sup>Is there *any* number of His armies? And on whom does not His light arise? <sup>4</sup>How then can man be justified with God? Or how can *one* who is born of a woman be clean? <sup>5</sup>Look even to *the* moon, and it shines not; yea, the stars are not pure in His sight; <sup>6</sup>how much less man *who is* a maggot, and the son of man, *who is* a worm?

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>But Job answered and said, <sup>2</sup>How have you helped him *who is* without power? *How* have you saved the arm that *has* no strength? <sup>3</sup>How have you advised *him who has* no wisdom, or fully declared wise plans? <sup>4</sup>To whom have you spoken words? And whose spirit came from you? <sup>5</sup>The departed spirits tremble under the waters, and those who dwell in them. <sup>6</sup>Hell *is* naked before Him, and the Pit

has no covering. <sup>7</sup>He stretches out the north over the empty place, and He hung the earth on nothing. <sup>8</sup>He binds up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not torn under them. <sup>9</sup>He covers the face of His throne, spreading His cloud on it. <sup>10</sup>He has described a circle with darkness on the surface of the waters to the boundary of light. <sup>11</sup>The pillars of the heavens tremble and are astonished at His rebuke. <sup>12</sup>He quiets the sea with His power, and by His understanding He shatters the proud. <sup>13</sup>By His Spirit the heavens were beautified; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent. <sup>14</sup>Lo, these are the edges of His ways; but what a whisper of a word we hear of Him! And the thunder of His power who can understand?

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And Job continued the lifting up of His speech, and said, <sup>2</sup>As God lives, He has taken away my judgment; and the Almighty has made my soul bitter. <sup>3</sup>As long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; <sup>4</sup>my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. <sup>5</sup>Far be it from me that I should justify you; until I die I will not retract my integrity from me. <sup>6</sup>I hold fast by my righteousness, and I will not let it go; my heart shall not shame me any of my days. <sup>7</sup>Let my enemy be like the wicked, and he who rises up against me as the perverse. <sup>8</sup>For what is the hope of the ungodly when He cuts off, when God takes away his soul? <sup>9</sup>Will God hear his cry when trouble comes on him? <sup>10</sup>Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call on God?

<sup>11</sup>I will teach you by the hand of God; that which is with the Almighty I will not hide. <sup>12</sup>Behold, all you have seen it yourselves; why then do you become completely vain? <sup>13</sup>This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the inheritance of cruel men which they shall receive from the Almighty. <sup>14</sup>If his sons are multiplied, the sword is for them; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. <sup>15</sup>Those who remain of him shall be buried in death; and his widows shall not weep. <sup>16</sup>Though he heaps up silver like the dust, and prepares clothing like the clay, <sup>17</sup>he may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. <sup>18</sup>He builds his house like a moth, and like a booth that a watchman makes. <sup>19</sup>The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered. He opens his eyes, and he is not. <sup>20</sup>Terrors overtake him like waters; a tempest steals him away in the night. <sup>21</sup>The east wind lifts him up, and he is gone; for it whirls him out of his place. <sup>22</sup>For it will hurl at him, and will not spare; he will surely flee out of its hand. <sup>23</sup>He shall clap His hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>Surely there is a mine for the silver, and a place where they refine gold. <sup>2</sup>Iron is taken out of the earth, and bronze is melted out of the stone. <sup>3</sup>He sets an end to darkness, and to every extremity He searches out the stones of darkness and the shadow of death. <sup>4</sup>He opens a shaft far from the visitor; they are forgotten by man's foot; they hang far away from men, they swing to and fro. <sup>5</sup>As to the earth, out of it comes bread; and under it, it is turned up like fire. <sup>6</sup>Its stones are the place of sapphires; and it has dust of gold. <sup>7</sup>There is a path which no bird knows, nor has the vulture's eye caught sight of it; the sons of pride have not walked on it, the lion has not passed by. <sup>8</sup>He puts forth His hand on the flinty places; He overturns the mountains by the roots. <sup>9</sup>He cuts out rivers among the rocks; and His eye sees every precious thing. <sup>10</sup>He holds back the floods from overflowing; and the hidden thing; He brings to light.

<sup>12</sup>But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? <sup>13</sup>Man does not know the price of it; nor is it found in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>The deep says, It is not in me; and the sea says, It is not in me. <sup>15</sup>Pure gold cannot be

given in its stead, and silver be weighed as its price. <sup>16</sup>It cannot be weighed against the gold of Ophir, against precious onyx, or sapphire; <sup>17</sup>gold and the crystal cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for vessels of fine gold. <sup>18</sup>No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls; and the price of wisdom is above rubies. <sup>19</sup>The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it; it cannot be weighed against pure gold. <sup>20</sup>Where then does wisdom come from, and where is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup>Yea, it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and hidden from the birds of the heavens. <sup>22</sup>The place of ruin and death say, We have heard the fame of it with our ears. <sup>23</sup>God understands the way of it, and He knows its place. <sup>24</sup>For He looks to the end of the earth, *and* sees under all the heavens; <sup>25</sup>making a weight for the winds, and measuring out the waters by measure. <sup>26</sup>When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning to thunder; <sup>27</sup>then He saw it, and declared it; He prepared it, yea, and searched it out. <sup>28</sup>And to man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom! And to depart from evil is understanding!

### CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And Job continued the lifting up of his speech, and said, <sup>2</sup>Oh that I were as in months past, as *in* the days when God watched over me; <sup>3</sup>when His lamp shone on my head; I walked *through* darkness by His light — <sup>4</sup>as I was in the days of my harvest, when the secret of God was on my tent; <sup>5</sup>When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *and* my children *were* around me; <sup>6</sup>when I washed my steps with curds, and the rock poured out rivers of oil for me; <sup>7</sup>when I went out to the gate by the city; *when* I prepared my seat in the street! <sup>8</sup>The young men saw me and hid themselves; and the aged arose and stood up. <sup>9</sup>The rulers held back from talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth. <sup>10</sup>The noble's voice was subdued, and their tongue clung to the roof of their mouth.

<sup>11</sup>For the ear heard me and blessed me. And the eye saw me *and* witnessed to me. <sup>12</sup>For I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help him. <sup>13</sup>The blessing of the perishing came on me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing. <sup>14</sup>I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my judgment was like a robe and a diadem. <sup>15</sup>I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. <sup>16</sup>I *was* a father to the poor; and the cause *which* I did not know, I searched out. <sup>17</sup>I broke the fangs of the wicked, and plucked the prey out of his teeth. <sup>18</sup>Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days like the sand. <sup>19</sup>My root *was* open to the waters, and the dew lay all night on my branch. <sup>20</sup>My glory *was* fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. <sup>21</sup>They gave ear to me, and waited, and kept silent at my counsel. <sup>22</sup>After my words they did not go on; and my speech dropped on them. <sup>23</sup>And they waited for me like the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. <sup>24</sup>I smiled kindly on them *when* they did not believe it; and they did not make the light of my face fall. <sup>25</sup>I chose out their way, and sat as chief; and I lived like a king in the army, as one *who* comforts the mourners.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>But now those younger than me laugh at me, whose fathers I would have refused to set with the dogs of my flock. <sup>2</sup>Also, what *profit* for me *was* the strength of their hands; or full vigor had perished from them? <sup>3</sup>They are dried up with want and famine; they who gnaw the dry ground, *which* *was* before waste and ruin, <sup>4</sup>those plucking mallows by the bushes, and broom roots *for* their food. <sup>5</sup>They are driven forth from the midst; they cried against them as a thief. <sup>6</sup>They dwell in the chasms of the valley, *in* holes of the earth and *in* rocks. <sup>7</sup>They bray among the bushes; they huddle together under the nettles; <sup>8</sup>sons of fools, yea, sons without a name; they have been whipped out of the land. <sup>9</sup>And now I am their song; yea,

I am their byword. <sup>10</sup>They despise me, and they flee far from me; they do not spare spit from my face. <sup>11</sup>Because He has loosed His bowstring and afflicted me, they have also thrown off the bridle before me. <sup>12</sup>On my right hand a brood rises; they push away my feet and raise up against me the ways of their ruin. <sup>13</sup>They have broken down my path, they gain by my trouble; they have no helper. <sup>14</sup>As through a wide break they came on; they roll under a ruin. <sup>15</sup>Terrors have turned on me; they pursue my soul like the wind; and my good passes away like a cloud. <sup>16</sup>And now my soul is poured out within me; the days of affliction have taken hold on me. <sup>17</sup>My bones are pierced in me in the night; and my gnawings never lie down. <sup>18</sup>By the great force of my disease my clothing is exposed; it binds me about like the mouth of my coat. <sup>19</sup>He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.

<sup>20</sup>I cried to You, and You did not hear me; I stood up, and You did not consider me. <sup>21</sup>You changed to be cruel to me; with Your mighty hand You assault me. <sup>22</sup>You lift me up to the wind; You cause me to ride on it; and You melt me in a storm. <sup>23</sup>For I know that You will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. <sup>24</sup>Surely He will not stretch out His hand to the ruin-heap, though they cry in their misfortune. <sup>25</sup>Did I not weep for him whose day was hard; and my soul grieved for the poor? <sup>26</sup>When I looked for good, then evil came; and when I waited for light, then darkness came. <sup>27</sup>My bowels boiled, and did not rest; the days of trouble confront me. <sup>28</sup>I go in mourning with no sun; I stood up and I cried out in the congregation. <sup>29</sup>I am a brother to jackals, and a companion of ostriches. <sup>30</sup>My skin is black on me, and my bones are burned with heat. <sup>31</sup>And my harp has turned to mourning, and my flute to the sound of weeping.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>I made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I look upon a virgin? <sup>2</sup>For what is the portion from God above? And what is the inheritance from the Almighty on high? <sup>3</sup>Is not disaster to the perverse, and calamity to the workers of iniquity? <sup>4</sup>Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps? <sup>5</sup>If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot has hurried to deceit, <sup>6</sup>let me be weighed in an even balance so that God may know my uprightness. <sup>7</sup>If my step has turned out of the way, or my heart has walked after my eyes, and if any blot has held fast to my hands; <sup>8</sup>then let me sow, and let another eat; and let my harvests be rooted out. <sup>9</sup>If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door, <sup>10</sup>then let my wife grind to another, and let others bow down on her. <sup>11</sup>For that would be an evil purpose; yea, it would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges. <sup>12</sup>For it is a fire that devours to the Place of Ruin, and it would root out all my gain. <sup>13</sup>If I despised the cause of my man servant or of my maidservant, when they argued with me; <sup>14</sup>what then shall I do when God rises up? And when He calls me to account, what shall I answer Him? <sup>15</sup>Did He who made me in the womb not make him? And did not One shape us in the womb?

<sup>16</sup>If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, <sup>17</sup>or have eaten my bit alone, and the fatherless has not eaten it — <sup>18</sup>for from my youth he grew up with me, as with a father, and from my mother's womb I guided her — <sup>19</sup>if I have seen any perish for lack of clothing, or there was no covering for the needy; <sup>20</sup>if his loins have not blessed me, and he warmed himself with the fleece of my flock; <sup>21</sup>if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless when I watched in the gate as my help; <sup>22</sup>then let my arm fall from the shoulder blade, and let my arm be broken from the bone. <sup>23</sup>For trouble from God is a terror to me, and I could not do anything because of His highness. <sup>24</sup>If I have made gold my hope, or have called fine gold my trust! <sup>25</sup>if I rejoiced because my

wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much; <sup>26</sup>if I looked to the light when it shone, or the moon walking in brightness, <sup>27</sup>and my heart has been secretly enticed, or my mouth has kissed my hand; <sup>28</sup>this also were an iniquity for the judges; for I would have denied the God *who is* above.

<sup>29</sup>If I rejoiced at the ruin of my hater, and I was excited when evil found him — <sup>30</sup>also I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse — <sup>31</sup>if the men of my camp did not say, Who can find one who has not been satisfied with his meat? — <sup>32</sup>the stranger did not sleep in the street for I opened my doors to the traveler — <sup>33</sup>if I covered my transgressions like Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom, <sup>34</sup>then let me tremble before a great multitude, and be terrified by the scorn of families; and I will be silent *and* not go out the door. <sup>35</sup>Oh that I had one to hear me! Behold my mark. Let the Almighty answer me, and my Accuser write an indictment. <sup>36</sup>Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, *and* bind it like crowns to me. <sup>37</sup>I would declare to Him the number of my steps; like a prince I would go near Him. <sup>38</sup>If my lands cry against me, or its furrows weep together; <sup>39</sup>if I have eaten its strength without silver, or have caused its owner to expire, <sup>40</sup>let thorns come forth instead of wheat, and weeds instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>And these three men ceased from answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. <sup>2</sup>And the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled. His wrath was kindled against Job, because he had justified himself rather than God. <sup>3</sup>Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer and had condemned Job. <sup>4</sup>And Elihu had waited beside Job with words, because they were older than he was. <sup>5</sup>When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled. <sup>6</sup>And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and you *are* very old; therefore I was afraid, and dared not show you my opinion. <sup>7</sup>I said, Days should speak, and the multitude of years should teach wisdom. <sup>8</sup>But a spirit *is* in man giving them perception, even the breath of the Almighty. <sup>9</sup>*It is* not the great that are wise, nor the aged who understand judgment. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I say, Listen to me. I also will declare my opinion. <sup>11</sup>Behold, I waited for your words; I listened to your reasons, while you searched out what to say. <sup>12</sup>Yes, I listened to you, and, behold, not one of you proved Job wrong nor answered his words, <sup>13</sup>that you do not say, We have found out wisdom. God has pushed him down, not man. <sup>14</sup>And he has not directed *his* words against me; and I will not answer him with your words.

<sup>15</sup>They are broken; they answer no more; words have left them. <sup>16</sup>Shall I wait because you do not speak, because they stand still, answering no more? <sup>17</sup>I also will answer my part; I will declare my wisdom. <sup>18</sup>For I am full of words; the spirit within me presses on me. <sup>19</sup>Behold, my breast *is* as wine which has no vent; it bursts like new wineskins. <sup>20</sup>I will speak so that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer. <sup>21</sup>I will not now lift up the face of a man, nor eulogize *any* man, <sup>22</sup>For I do not know how to eulogize; *else* after a little my Maker would take me away.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>However, Job, please hear my speeches, and listen to all my words. <sup>2</sup>Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue has spoken in my mouth, <sup>3</sup>my words *shall be* from my upright heart, and my lips will clearly speak knowledge. <sup>4</sup>The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. <sup>5</sup>If you can, answer me; set yourself in order before me, stand up. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I *am* toward God

even as you are; I also am formed out of the clay. <sup>7</sup>Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, and my burden shall not be heavy on you. <sup>8</sup>Surely you have spoken in my ears, and I have heard the sound of your words. <sup>9</sup>*You said, I am pure, without transgression; I am innocent, and no iniquity is in me;* <sup>10</sup>behold, He finds reasons to be against me, He counts me for His enemy; <sup>11</sup>He puts my feet in the stocks; He marks all my paths.

<sup>12</sup>Behold, *in* this you are not right; I will answer you, for God is greater than man. <sup>13</sup>Why do you fight against Him? For He does not give account for *any* of His matters. <sup>14</sup>For God speaks once, yea, twice, but *one* does not understand it. <sup>15</sup>In a dream, vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men; while they slumber on the bed; <sup>16</sup>then He opens the ear of men and seals their teaching, <sup>17</sup>so that He may turn man *from* his act, that He might hide pride from man. <sup>18</sup>He keeps back his soul from the Pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. <sup>19</sup>He is also chastened with pain on his bed, and enduring strife *in* his bones, <sup>20</sup>so that his life is sick of bread, and his soul desirable food. <sup>21</sup>His flesh wastes away, not seen; and his bones laid bare; they were not seen. <sup>22</sup>Yea, his soul draws near to the Pit, and his life to the dealers of death. <sup>23</sup>If there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to declare for man his uprightness, <sup>24</sup>then He is gracious to him and says, Deliver him from going down to the Pit; for I have found a ransom. <sup>25</sup>His flesh shall be fresher than in vigor; he shall return to the days of his youth; <sup>26</sup>he shall pray to God, and He will be gracious to Him; and he shall see His face with joy, for He will restore to man his righteousness. <sup>27</sup>He will observe to men, and say, I have sinned and perverted righteousness; and was not equally repaid to me, <sup>28</sup>He has redeemed my soul from passing over into the Pit, and my life shall see the light. <sup>29</sup>Lo, all these things God does two *or* three times with a man, <sup>30</sup>to bring back his soul from the Pit, to be lighted with the light of the living.

<sup>31</sup>Hear this, Job, listen to me; be silent and I will speak. <sup>32</sup>If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you. <sup>33</sup>If not, listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.

### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And Elihu answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Hear my words, wise men; and give ear to me, you who have knowledge; <sup>3</sup>For the ear tries words as the mouth tastes food. <sup>4</sup>Let us choose for ourselves what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good. <sup>5</sup>For Job has said, I am righteous; and God has taken away my right; <sup>6</sup>should I lie against my right? My wound cannot be cured; *I am* without rebellion. <sup>7</sup>What man is like Job, who drinks up scolding like water; <sup>8</sup>who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men? <sup>9</sup>For he has said, It profits a man nothing when he is accepted with God. <sup>10</sup>Therefore listen to me, O man of heart; far be it from God to do wickedness; and from the Almighty, to do wrong. <sup>11</sup>For He repays man's work, and causes him to find according to *his* ways. <sup>12</sup>Yes, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice. <sup>13</sup>Who has given the earth as a deposit with Him? Or who has set the whole world in order? <sup>14</sup>If He sets His heart on man, *if* He gathers to Himself his spirit and his breath, <sup>15</sup>all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again to dust.

<sup>16</sup>If now *you have* understanding, hear this; listen to the sound of my words. <sup>17</sup>Shall one who hates right govern? And will you condemn Him who is just and mighty? <sup>18</sup>Who says to a king, O worthless one; and to nobles, O evil one? <sup>19</sup>*He* does not accept the face of rulers, nor regard the rich before the poor? For they are the work of His hands. <sup>20</sup>In a moment they die, and a people are shaken at midnight and pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away without a hand. <sup>21</sup>For



His eyes *are* on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps. <sup>22</sup>*There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death to hide there the workers of iniquity. <sup>23</sup>For He does set a time to man to go before God in judgment; <sup>24</sup>He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their place. <sup>25</sup>Therefore He knows their works, and He overturns in the night, so that they are destroyed.

<sup>26</sup>He strikes them for evil deeds in the place *they are* watched, <sup>27</sup>because thus they turned from following Him, and they did not consider all His ways; <sup>28</sup>*so as* to cause the cry of the poor to come to Him, for He hears the cry of the afflicted. <sup>29</sup>And He gives quietness, who then can condemn? And when He hides *His* face, who can behold Him? And *it may be* against a nation and a man together; <sup>30</sup>from the reigning of ungodly men, from *being* snares for the people. <sup>31</sup>For has any said to God, I have taken away; I will not pervert? <sup>32</sup>Besides what I see, You teach me; if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more. <sup>33</sup>Must He repay because you rejected *it*? For you must choose, and not I; therefore speak what you know. <sup>34</sup>Men of understanding will say to me, and a wise man who hears me *will say*, <sup>35</sup>Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. <sup>36</sup>Would that Job may be tried to the end because *his answers are* like men of iniquity. <sup>37</sup>For he adds rebellion to his sins; he claps *his hands* among us, and multiplies his words against God.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And Elihu answered and said, <sup>2</sup>Do you think this to *be* right, you that say, I am more just than God? <sup>3</sup>For you say, What will it benefit you? And, What good shall I have more than *if* I had sinned? <sup>4</sup>I will answer your words, and your friends with you. <sup>5</sup>Look to the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds; they are higher than you. <sup>6</sup>If you sin, what do you do against Him? Or *if* your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him? <sup>7</sup>If you are righteous, what do you give Him? Or what does He receive from your hand? <sup>8</sup>Your wickedness *may hurt* a man as you are; and your righteousness *may profit* the son of man. <sup>9</sup>From the multitude of tyrannies they cry out; they cry out because of the arm of the many. <sup>10</sup>But none says, Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night; <sup>11</sup>who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens? <sup>12</sup>There they cry, but He gives no answer, because of the pride of evildoers. <sup>13</sup>Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty look on it. <sup>14</sup>How much less when you do not see Him! Judgment *is* before Him; you are waiting for Him. <sup>15</sup>And now, because *His* anger has not visited, and He does not recognize stupidity, <sup>16</sup>even Job opens his mouth in vanity; he multiplies words without knowledge.

### CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>Elihu went on and said, <sup>2</sup>Bear with me a little, and I will show you that *there are* yet words for God. <sup>3</sup>I will bring my knowledge from afar, and I will credit righteousness to my Maker. <sup>4</sup>For truly my words *are* not false; He who is perfect in knowledge is with you. <sup>5</sup>Behold, God is mighty, and does not despise; *He is* mighty in strength of heart. <sup>6</sup>He will not keep alive one who is wicked, but gives right to the afflicted. <sup>7</sup>He withdraws not His eyes from the righteous, but *they are* like kings on the throne; yes, *He* causes them to sit forever, and they are very high. <sup>8</sup>And *if they are* bound in chains, and are held in cords of affliction, <sup>9</sup>then He shows them their work, and their sins, that they have behaved themselves proudly. <sup>10</sup>He also opens their ears to teaching, and commands that they return from iniquity. <sup>11</sup>If they obey and serve *Him*, they shall spend their days in blessedness, and their years in pleasures. <sup>12</sup>But if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. <sup>13</sup>But the ungodly in heart heap up

wrath; they cry not when He binds them. <sup>14</sup>Their soul dies in youth, and their life ends among the sodomites.

<sup>15</sup>He delivers the poor in his affliction, and opens their ears by oppression.

<sup>16</sup>And He also would have removed you from the mouth of distress to a wide place not restrained; and the setting of your table *would be* full of fatness. <sup>17</sup>But you have fulfilled the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice take hold; <sup>18</sup>For beware wrath, that He not take you away with His scorn; then a great ransom cannot turn you aside. <sup>19</sup>If your cry for help is set in order, then not in distress, but with all the forces of strength. <sup>20</sup>Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. <sup>21</sup>Beware, do not turn to iniquity; for this you have chosen rather than affliction.

<sup>22</sup>Behold, God lifts Himself up by His power; who teaches like Him? <sup>23</sup>Who has appointed Him His way; or who can say, You have done wrong? <sup>24</sup>Remember that you magnify His work of which men have sung; <sup>25</sup>every man has seen it; man may see it afar off. <sup>26</sup>Behold, God is great, and we do not know; the number of His years cannot be searched out. <sup>27</sup>For He draws up the drops of water; they distill rain into mist, <sup>28</sup>which the clouds pour down and drop upon man plentifully. <sup>29</sup>Also can any understand the spreading of the clouds, or the crashing of His canopy? <sup>30</sup>Behold, He spreads His light on it, and He covers the bottom of the sea. <sup>31</sup>For by them He judges the people; He gives plenty of food. <sup>32</sup>He covers His hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark; <sup>33</sup>its thunder declares concerning Him, and the cattle, concerning what is coming.

#### CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>My heart trembles at this also, and it leaps out of its place. <sup>2</sup>Listen carefully to the thunder of His voice, and the rumbling that comes out of His mouth. <sup>3</sup>He loosens it under the whole heavens, and His lightning to the ends of the earth. <sup>4</sup>After it a voice roars; He thunders with the voice of His majesty, and He will not hold them when His voice is heard. <sup>5</sup>God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things, and we do not understand. <sup>6</sup>For he says to the snow, Fall on the earth; also to the shower of rain, and to the shower of heavy rains in its strength. <sup>7</sup>He seals up the hand of every man, so that all men may know His work. <sup>8</sup>Then the beast go into its lair, and they remain in their dens. <sup>9</sup>Out of the storeroom comes the tempest; and cold from scattering winds. <sup>10</sup>By the breath of God ice is given; and the expanse of waters is frozen tight. <sup>11</sup>Also he loads the clouds with moisture; He scatters the lightning cloud, <sup>12</sup>and it is turned around by His guidance, so that they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the world in the earth. <sup>13</sup>Whether as a whip, or for His land, or for mercy, He finds it.

<sup>14</sup>Listen to this, Job; stand still, and consider the wonderful works of God. <sup>15</sup>Do you know when God placed them, and caused the lightning of His cloud to shine? <sup>16</sup>Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wonderful works of Him who is perfect in knowledge? <sup>17</sup>How your clothes are warm when He quiets the earth from the south wind? <sup>18</sup>Have you beat out the expanse with Him, hard like a cast mirror? <sup>19</sup>Teach us what we shall say to Him; for because of darkness we cannot arrange our case. <sup>20</sup>Shall it be told Him that I would speak? If a man speaks, surely he shall be swallowed up. <sup>21</sup>And now men cannot look upon the light; it is in the clouds; but the wind passes and clears them. <sup>22</sup>Golden weather comes out of the north; God is awesome in His majesty. <sup>23</sup>The Almighty, whom we cannot find out, is exalted in power; and to judgment and overflowing righteousness He does no violence. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, men fear Him; He does not respect any who are wise in heart.

## CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD answered Job out of the tempest, and said, <sup>2</sup>Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Now gird up your loins like a man; for I will ask of you, and you teach Me. <sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell if you have understanding! <sup>5</sup>For *do you* know who has set its measurements? Or who has stretched the line on it? <sup>6</sup>On what are its bases sunk, or who has cast its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth *as* it came from the womb? <sup>9</sup>When I made the clouds its robe, and darkness its navel-band, <sup>10</sup>and set My limit on it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and I said, You shall come to here, but no further; and here your proud waves shall stop.

<sup>12</sup>Have you commanded the morning from your days, *and* caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the ends of the earth; that the wicked might be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is turned like clay *under* a seal; and they stand forth like a garment. <sup>15</sup>And from the wicked their light is withheld, and the high arm shall be broken. <sup>16</sup>Have you gone to the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been opened to you? Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? <sup>18</sup>Have you understood the breadth of the earth? Tell, if you know it all! <sup>19</sup>Where *is* the way where light dwells? And where *is* the place of darkness, <sup>20</sup>that you should take it to its bounds, and that you should know the paths to its house? <sup>21</sup>Do you know *it*, because you were born then? Or *because* the number of your days is great?

<sup>22</sup>Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow? Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, <sup>23</sup>which I have kept for the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? <sup>24</sup>By what way is the light distributed, and by what way does the east wind spread itself on the earth? <sup>25</sup>Who has cut a channel for the flood, or a way for the thunderclaps; <sup>26</sup>to cause rain to fall on the earth *where* no man is, a wilderness *and* no man in it; <sup>27</sup>to satisfy the desolate and waste ground, and to cause the source of grass to spring forth? <sup>28</sup>Has the rain a father? Or who has brought forth the drops of dew? <sup>29</sup>Out of whose womb came the ice? And the frost of the heavens, who fathered it? <sup>30</sup>The waters *are* hidden like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. <sup>31</sup>Can you bind the bands of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? <sup>32</sup>Can you bring the constellations in their season? Or can you guide the Bear with its sons? <sup>33</sup>Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set up their rulership on the earth? <sup>34</sup>Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that floods of waters may cover you? <sup>35</sup>Can you send lightnings, that they may go, and say to you, Here we *are*? <sup>36</sup>Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who has given understanding to the mind? <sup>37</sup>Who can number the clouds by wisdom; or who can empty out the jars of the heavens, <sup>38</sup>when the dust is melted *into* hardness, and the clods cling fast together? <sup>39</sup>Will you hunt the prey for the lion, or fill the appetite of the young lions, <sup>40</sup>when they crouch in dens, *and* sit in the cover of their hiding place? <sup>41</sup>Who provides food for the raven when its young ones cry to God *and* wander about without food.

## CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>Do you know the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? Or can you observe the calving of deer? <sup>2</sup>Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time for their bearing, <sup>3</sup>when they bow down and bring forth; they send out their pangs. <sup>4</sup>Their young ones are strong, they multiply in the open fields; they go forth and do not return to them again. <sup>5</sup>Who has sent out the wild ass free? Or who has untied the bands of the wild ass, <sup>6</sup>to whom have I assigned

the wilderness *for* its home, and the salt land *for* its dwellings? <sup>7</sup>He scorns the turmoil of the city; he does not hear the driver's shouts. <sup>8</sup>He seeks out mountains *for* his pasture, and he searches after every green thing. <sup>9</sup>Will the wild ox be willing to serve you, or spend the night by your feed-trough? <sup>10</sup>Can you tie the wild ox in the furrow *with* his rope? Or will he harrow the valleys for you? <sup>11</sup>Will you trust him because his strength *is* great? Or will you leave labor to him? <sup>12</sup>Will you trust him, that he will return your seed and bring *it* to your grain-floor?

<sup>13</sup>The wing of the ostrich beats joyously; though not the stork's pinions *for* flight. <sup>14</sup>For she leaves her eggs to the earth, and lets them warm in the dust, <sup>15</sup>and forgets that a foot may crush them, or that the beast of the field may break them. <sup>16</sup>She treats her young roughly, as *if* not hers; for her labor *is* vanity without fear; <sup>17</sup>because God has caused her to forget wisdom, and He has not given her a share in understanding. <sup>18</sup>At the time she lifts herself up on high; she scorns the horse and its rider.

<sup>19</sup>Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck *with* a mane? <sup>20</sup>Can you make him leap like a locust? The glory of his snorting *is* terrifying. <sup>21</sup>He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength; he goes on to meet the weapons. <sup>22</sup>He mocks at fear, and is not terrified; and he does not turn back from the sword. <sup>23</sup>The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield. <sup>24</sup>He swallows the ground with quivering and rage; and he does not stand still at the sound of the trumpet. <sup>25</sup>When the trumpet sounds, he says, Aha! And he smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

<sup>26</sup>Does the hawk soar by your understanding? Will he spread his wings toward the south? <sup>27</sup>Does the eagle mount up at your command and make his nest on high? <sup>28</sup>He lives and stays on the rock, on the crag of the rock and the strong place. <sup>29</sup>From there he seeks food, and his eyes see afar off. <sup>30</sup>And his young brood also sucks up blood; and where the dead *are*, there he *is*.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job and said, <sup>2</sup>Shall a reprover contend with the Almighty? He who reproves God, let him answer it.

<sup>3</sup>And Job answered the LORD and said, <sup>4</sup>Behold, I am vile! What shall I answer You? I will lay my hand on my mouth. <sup>5</sup>Once I have spoken; but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will go no further.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD answered Job out of the tempest, and said, <sup>7</sup>Gird up your loins like a man. I will question you, and you teach Me. <sup>8</sup>Will you also set aside My judgment? Will you condemn Me so that you may be justified? <sup>9</sup>And *have* you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His? <sup>10</sup>Adorn yourself now with majesty and honor; and with glory and honor clothe yourself. <sup>11</sup>Pour forth the rage of your wrath; and behold everyone *who is* proud, and abase him. <sup>12</sup>Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. <sup>13</sup>Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in darkness. <sup>14</sup>And I also will confess to you that your own right hand can save you.

<sup>15</sup>Now behold behemoth, which I made along with you; he eats grass like an ox; <sup>16</sup>Lo, now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force is in the muscles of his belly. <sup>17</sup>He hangs his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. <sup>18</sup>His bones *are like* tubes of bronze; his bones are like bars of iron. <sup>19</sup>He *is* the first of the ways of God; his Maker brings near his sword. <sup>20</sup>For the mountains yield food for him, and all the beasts of the field play there. <sup>21</sup>He lies under the lotus, in the hiding place of the reed and the marsh. <sup>22</sup>The lotus trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brooks are around him. <sup>23</sup>Behold, *though* a flood

presses, he does not run away; he feels safe even if Jordan swells up to his mouth.  
<sup>24</sup>Shall any take him before his eyes, or pierce through *his* nose with cords?

## CHAPTER 41

<sup>1</sup>Can you draw out the leviathan with a hook, or hold down his tongue with a cord? <sup>2</sup>Can you put a reed rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw with a thorn? <sup>3</sup>Will he multiply for help to you? Will he speak soft *words* to you? <sup>4</sup>Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant for ever? <sup>5</sup>Will you play with him as *with* a bird? Or will you bind him for your maidens? <sup>6</sup>Shall your companions bargain over him? Shall they divide him among the merchants? <sup>7</sup>Can you fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fishing spears? <sup>8</sup>Lay your hand on him, think of the battle; you will never do it again. <sup>9</sup>Behold, his hope has been made false; will not *one* be cast down at the sight of him? <sup>10</sup>None *is* so fierce as to dare to stir him up; who then is able to stand before Me? <sup>11</sup>Who has gone before Me, that I should repay *him*? *All* that is the heavens is Mine. <sup>12</sup>I will not keep silent concerning his limbs, or his mighty strength, or the grace of his frame. <sup>13</sup>Who can take off the surface of his skin; who can come *to him* with his double bridle? <sup>14</sup>Who can open the doors to his face? Terror is round about his teeth. <sup>15</sup>The rows of His scales *are his* pride, shut up *with* a close seal; <sup>16</sup>one is so near to another that no air can come between them; <sup>17</sup>they are joined one to another, they clasp each other so that they can not be separated. <sup>18</sup>His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the dawn. <sup>19</sup>Out of his mouth go burning torches, sparks of fire leap out. <sup>20</sup>Out of his nostrils goes smoke, as out of a boiling pot and burning reeds. <sup>21</sup>His breast kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth. <sup>22</sup>In his neck remains strength, and terror dances before him. <sup>23</sup>The folds of his flesh are joined together, cast firm on him; he cannot be moved. <sup>24</sup>His heart is cast hard as a stone, even cast hard as a piece of the lower millstone. <sup>25</sup>The mighty are afraid from his rising; they are beside themselves from the crashing. <sup>26</sup>The sword, the spear, the dart and the javelin overtake him, *but* will not hold. <sup>27</sup>He counts iron as straw, *and* bronze as rotten wood. <sup>28</sup>An arrow cannot make him flee; slingstones are turned by him into stubble. <sup>29</sup>Darts are counted as straw; he laughs at the shaking of a javelin. <sup>30</sup>Points of potsherds *are* under him; he spreads sharp pointed *marks* on the mire. <sup>31</sup>He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. <sup>32</sup>He makes a path to shine after him; one would think the deep *to be* gray-headed. <sup>33</sup>On earth there is nothing like him, one made fearless. <sup>34</sup>He beholds all *high things*; He *is* a king over all the sons of pride.

## CHAPTER 42

<sup>1</sup>And Job answered the LORD and said, <sup>2</sup>I know that You can do all, not *any* purpose is withheld from You. <sup>3</sup>Who is he who hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have spoken what I did not understand; *things* too wonderful for me; Yea, I did not know. <sup>4</sup>Hear, I beseech You, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You will cause me to know. <sup>5</sup>I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye has seen You. <sup>6</sup>Therefore I despise *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends. For you have not spoken of Me what *is* right, as My servant Job has. <sup>8</sup>And now take to yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. And My servant Job will pray for you. Surely I will accept him so as not to do with you *according to your* foolishness, in that you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, like My servant Job.

<sup>9</sup>And Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite, went and did as the LORD commanded them. The LORD also accepted the face of Job. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends. Also the LORD added to Job all that *had been his*, to double. <sup>11</sup>And came to him all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all those who had known him before. And they ate bread with him in his house, and consoled him and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought on him. Every man also gave him a piece of money, and each one a ring of gold.

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than the beginning. For he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. <sup>15</sup>And in all the land there was not found women as beautiful as the daughters of Job. And their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

<sup>16</sup>After this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and he saw his sons, and his sons' sons — four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, *being* old and full of days.

# THE BOOK OF PSALMS

## PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Blessed *is* the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight *is* only in the law of the LORD; and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivulets of water that brings forth its fruit in its seasons; and its leaf shall not wither, and all which he does shall be blessed. <sup>4</sup>The wicked *are* not so, but *are* like chaff which the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## PSALM 2

<sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage, and the peoples meditate on a vain thing? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers plot together, against the LORD and against His anointed, *saying*, <sup>3</sup>Let us break their bands in two and cast away their cords from us. <sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall mock at them. <sup>5</sup>Then He shall speak to them in His anger, and trouble them in His wrath. <sup>6</sup>Yea, I have set My king on My holy hill, on Zion.

<sup>7</sup>I will declare the decree of the LORD. He has said to Me, You *are* My Son; today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, and I shall give the nations *for* Your inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* Your possession. <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. <sup>10</sup>And now be wise, O kings; be instructed, O judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when His wrath is kindled in but a little time. Blessed are all who put their trust in Him.

## PSALM 3

*A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, how my foes have increased! Many *are* the ones who rise up against me. <sup>2</sup>Many *are* saying of my soul, There is no deliverance for him in God. Selah.

<sup>3</sup>But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me; my glory, the One who lifts up my head. <sup>4</sup>I cried to the LORD *with* my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>I laid down and slept; I awoke; for the LORD kept me. <sup>6</sup>I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set against me round about. <sup>7</sup>Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God; for You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone. You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>Salvation *belongs* to the LORD; Your blessing *is* on Your people. Selah.

## PSALM 4

*To the Chief Musician, for stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; You gave room to me in trouble; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>O sons of men, how long will you turn My glory into shame? Will you love vanity and seek after a lie? Selah.

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself. The LORD hears when I call to Him. <sup>4</sup>Tremble, and sin not; speak within your own heart on your bed and be still. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, Who will show us *any* good? LORD, lift up the light of Your face on us. <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their grain and their wine increased. <sup>8</sup>I will lie down, both in peace and in sleep. For You alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

### PSALM 5

*To the Chief Musician, for flutes. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation. <sup>2</sup>Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for to You I will pray. <sup>3</sup>My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct my prayer to You, and I will look up. <sup>4</sup>For You *are* not a God that enjoys wickedness; nor shall evil dwell with You. <sup>5</sup>The foolish shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all doers of iniquity. <sup>6</sup>You shall destroy those who speak lies; the LORD will despise the bloody and deceitful man. <sup>7</sup>But I, in the abundance of Your grace, I will come *into* Your house; I will worship in Your fear toward Your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup>Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness, because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face. <sup>9</sup>For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* wickedness; their throat *is* an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. <sup>10</sup>Hold them guilty, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You. <sup>11</sup>But let all who put their trust in You rejoice; let them always shout for joy, because You defend them. And let those who love Your name be joyful in You. <sup>12</sup>For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.

### PSALM 6

*To the Chief Musician, for eight-stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor chasten me in the heat of Your fury. <sup>2</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. <sup>3</sup>My soul also is exceedingly troubled; but You, O LORD, how long? <sup>4</sup>Return, O LORD, return; deliver my soul; save me for Your mercy's sake. <sup>5</sup>For in death there is no memory of You; in the grave who shall give You thanks? <sup>6</sup>I am weary in my groaning; all the night I make my bed swim; I melt my couch with my tears. <sup>7</sup>My eye is dim because of grief; it wastes away because of all my enemies.

<sup>8</sup>Depart from me, all workers of iniquity; for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. <sup>9</sup>The LORD has heard my cry; the LORD will receive my prayer. <sup>10</sup>Let all my enemies be ashamed and exceedingly troubled; let them turn back and be ashamed in a moment.

### PSALM 7

*A song of David, which he sang to the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me, <sup>2</sup>lest he tear my soul like a lion, tearing it in pieces, and there is no one to deliver. <sup>3</sup>O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there is iniquity in my hands; <sup>4</sup>if I have rewarded evil to my friend, or *if* I have delivered my vexer without cause; <sup>5</sup>let the enemy persecute my soul and take it; yea, let him trample down my life on the earth and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

<sup>6</sup>Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; lift up Yourself because of the rage of my enemies, and awake for me to the judgment which You have commanded. <sup>7</sup>And



shall the congregation of the peoples gather about You; and over it You will return on high. <sup>8</sup>The LORD shall judge the people; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity on me. <sup>9</sup>O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just. For the righteous God tries the minds and hearts. <sup>10</sup>My defense is from God, who saves the upright in heart.

<sup>11</sup>God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. <sup>12</sup>If he does not turn, He will whet His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. <sup>13</sup>Yes, He has prepared for him the instruments of death; He has made His arrows hot for pursuers. <sup>14</sup>Behold, he labors in pain with iniquity, and he has conceived mischief, and has brought forth falsehood. <sup>15</sup>He dug a pit and bored it, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. <sup>16</sup>His mischief shall return on his own head, and his violence shall come on his own head. <sup>17</sup>I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

#### PSALM 8

*To the Chief Musician, on the harp. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have ordained strength, because of Your vexers, to cause the enemy and the avenger to cease. <sup>3</sup>When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have established; <sup>4</sup>what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man, that You visit him? <sup>5</sup>For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup>You made him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet: <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field; <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, and all that passes through the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O Jehovah, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

#### PSALM 9

*To the Chief Musician. To die for the Son. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. <sup>2</sup>I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. <sup>3</sup>When my enemies have turned back, they shall fall and perish before You. <sup>4</sup>For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat in the throne judging right. <sup>5</sup>You have rebuked the heathen, You have destroyed the wicked, You have put out their name forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>The desolations of the enemy have come to an end forever, and You have destroyed the cities; their memorial has perished with them. <sup>7</sup>But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. <sup>8</sup>And He shall judge the world in righteousness; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup>And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. <sup>11</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion; declare among the nations His deeds. <sup>12</sup>For He remembers them, the seekers of bloodshed; He forgets not the cry of the humble.

<sup>13</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD; see my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, <sup>14</sup>so that I may declare all Your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in Your salvation. <sup>15</sup>The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made; their foot is caught in the net which they hid. <sup>16</sup>The LORD is known. He has executed judgment; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. A meditation. Selah.

<sup>17</sup>The wicked shall be turned into hell, all the nations that forget God. <sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the hope of the poor shall *not* perish forever. <sup>19</sup>Arise, O LORD; let not man be strong. Let the nations be judged in Your sight. <sup>20</sup>Put them in fear, O LORD, let the nations know they *are but* men. Selah.

### PSALM 10

<sup>1</sup>Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Will You hide in times of trouble? <sup>2</sup>The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor; let them be taken in the plans that they have imagined. <sup>3</sup>For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, and blesses the covetous *whom* the LORD despises. <sup>4</sup>The wicked through the pride of his face, will not seek *Him*; in all his thoughts, There *is* no God! <sup>5</sup>His ways are always perverted; Your judgments *are* high, out of his sight. *As for* all his enemies, he puffs at them. <sup>6</sup>He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved; from generation to generation, never in evil! <sup>7</sup>His mouth *is* full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his tongue *are* mischief and vanity. <sup>8</sup>He sits in the hiding-places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent. His eyes are secretly set against the poor. <sup>9</sup>He lies in wait secretly, like a lion in his den. He lies in wait to catch the poor; he catches the poor when he draws him into his net. <sup>10</sup>He crouches and bows, and the poor have fallen by his might. <sup>11</sup>He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see! Selah.

<sup>12</sup>Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the humble. <sup>13</sup>Why do the wicked condemn God? He has said in his heart, You will not judge. <sup>14</sup>You have seen it; for You behold mischief and vexation, to repay it with Your hand. The poor commits *himself* to You; You are the Helper of the fatherless. <sup>15</sup>Break the arm of the wicked and the evil one; seek out his wickedness, *until* You find none.

<sup>16</sup>The LORD *is* King forever and ever; the nations have perished out of His land. <sup>17</sup>LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart, You will cause Your ear to hear, <sup>18</sup>to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, so that the man of the earth may no more terrify.

### PSALM 11

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I put my trust in the LORD; how can you say to me, Flee *like* a bird to the mountains; <sup>2</sup>for lo, the wicked bend their bow; they make ready their arrow on the string, so that they may secretly shoot at the upright in heart.

<sup>3</sup>If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? <sup>4</sup>The LORD *is* in His holy temple; the LORD's throne *is* in Heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids examine the children of men. <sup>5</sup>The LORD tries the righteous; but His soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence, <sup>6</sup>On the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone; and a horrible tempest *shall be* the portion of their cup. <sup>7</sup>For the righteous LORD loves righteousness; His face looks on the upright.

### PSALM 12

*To the Chief Musician, on eight. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases; for the faithful fail from among the sons of men. <sup>2</sup>They speak vanity each one with his neighbor; *with* flattering lips and a double heart they speak. <sup>3</sup>The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaks proud things, <sup>4</sup>that has said, With our tongue we shall do much; our lips *are* our own; who *is* lord over us? <sup>5</sup>For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, I will now arise, says the LORD. I will set in safety, he pants for it.

<sup>6</sup>The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup>You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. <sup>8</sup>The wicked walk on every side, when evil is praised by the sons of men.

## PSALM 13

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>How long will You forget me, O LORD? Forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? <sup>2</sup>How long shall I take counsel in my heart having sorrow in my heart daily? How long shall my enemy be lifted up over me? <sup>3</sup>Look! Answer me, O LORD my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*, <sup>4</sup>lest my enemy say, I have overcome him, *and* my foes rejoice when I am shaken. <sup>5</sup>But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. <sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD, because He has rewarded me.

## PSALM 14

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God!* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none who does good.* <sup>2</sup>The LORD looked down from Heaven on the sons of men, to see if there were *any* who understood *and* sought God. <sup>3</sup>They have all gone aside, they have *all* together become filthy; *there is none who does good, no, not one.*

<sup>4</sup>Have all the workers of iniquity not known, eating up My people as they eat bread? They have not called on the LORD. <sup>5</sup>There they were in great fear; for God *is* in the generation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>You have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge. <sup>7</sup>Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

## PSALM 15

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who shall dwell in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup>he does not backbite with his tongue, nor do evil to his neighbor, nor take up a reproach against his neighbor; <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the reprobate is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD; he has sworn to his hurt, and does not change it; <sup>5</sup>he has not put out his money at interest, nor has *he* taken a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall not be moved forever.

## PSALM 16

*A Secret Treasure of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Watch over me, O God; for in You do I put my trust. <sup>2</sup>You have said to the LORD, You *are* my Lord; I have no goodness but in You. <sup>3</sup>As to the saints who *are* in the earth, they are the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight. <sup>4</sup>Their sorrows shall be multiplied who run *after* another *god*. I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood; and I will not take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD *is* the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup; You shall uphold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I *have* a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD, who has given me wisdom; my heart also instructs me *in* the nights.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before Me; because *He is* at My right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup>Therefore My heart is glad, and My soul rejoices; My flesh also shall rest in hope; <sup>10</sup>For You will not leave My soul in hell; You will not allow Your

Holy One to see corruption. <sup>11</sup>You will make Me know the way of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### PSALM 17

*A Prayer of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear the right, O LORD; listen to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, not in lips of deceit. <sup>2</sup>Let my judgment go out from Your presence; let Your eyes behold uprightly. <sup>3</sup>You have proved my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me, and You will find nothing; my mouth does not go beyond my thoughts.

<sup>4</sup>Concerning the works of men, by the words of Your lips, I am kept from the paths of the destroyer. <sup>5</sup>My steps have been held in Your paths, so that my footsteps have not slipped. <sup>6</sup>I have called on You, for You will hear me, O God; bow down Your ear to me; hear my speech. <sup>7</sup>Show Your marvelous loving-kindness, O Savior of those who put their trust in You; by Your right hand, from those who rise up against You. <sup>8</sup>Keep me as the pupil, the daughter of the eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings, <sup>9</sup>from the wicked who stripped me. My foes go all around me, against my soul. <sup>10</sup>They are enclosed in their own fat; with their mouth they speak proudly, <sup>11</sup>They have now hemmed in our steps. They have set their eyes to bow me to the earth, <sup>12</sup>Their likeness is like a lion who longs to tear, and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

<sup>13</sup>Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, bow him down; deliver my soul from the wicked by Your sword, <sup>14</sup>from men by Your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life, and whose belly You fill with Your treasure. They are satisfied with sons, and will leave their riches to their babes. <sup>15</sup>As for me, I will behold Your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your image.

#### PSALM 18

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul; and he said:*

<sup>1</sup>I love You, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock — I will trust in Him; He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. <sup>3</sup>I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup>The sorrows of death hemmed me in, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. <sup>5</sup>The sorrows of hell surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup>In my distress I called on the LORD, and I cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, into His ears. <sup>7</sup>Then the earth shook and trembled; and the foundations of the hills moved and were shaken, because He was angry. <sup>8</sup>A smoke went up out of His nostrils, and fire devoured out of His mouth; coals were kindled by it. <sup>9</sup>He also bowed the heavens, and came down; and darkness was under His feet. <sup>10</sup>And He rode on a cherub, and flew; yea, He soared on the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup>He made darkness His secret place, His pavilion around Him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies. <sup>12</sup>At the brightness before Him, hailstones and coals of fire passed through His thick clouds. <sup>13</sup>The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave forth His voice; hailstones and coals of fire. <sup>14</sup>Yea, He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings and crushed them. <sup>15</sup>Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were uncovered, at Your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

<sup>16</sup>He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters. <sup>17</sup>He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me. <sup>18</sup>They went before me in the day of my calamity; but the LORD was my stay. <sup>19</sup>He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me because He delighted in me. <sup>20</sup>The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has repaid me. <sup>21</sup>For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. <sup>22</sup>For all His judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me. <sup>23</sup>I was also upright before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD has returned to me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.

<sup>25</sup>With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with an upright man You will show Yourself upright; <sup>26</sup>with the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the crooked You will show Yourself perverse. <sup>27</sup>For You will save the afflicted people, but will bring down high looks. <sup>28</sup>For You will light my candle; the LORD my God will make my darkness light. <sup>29</sup>For by You I have run through a troop; and by my God I have leaped over a wall. <sup>30</sup>*As for* God, His way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD is tried; He *is* a shield to all those who trust in Him.

<sup>31</sup>For who *is* God besides Jehovah? Or, who *is* a Rock except our God? <sup>32</sup>*It is* God who girds me with strength, and makes my way perfect. <sup>33</sup>He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me on my high places. <sup>34</sup>He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of bronze is bent by my arms. <sup>35</sup>You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your right hand has held me up, and Your gentleness has made me great. <sup>36</sup>You have given a wide place for my steps under me, so that my feet have not stumbled. <sup>37</sup>I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; nor did I turn again until they were destroyed. <sup>38</sup>I have shattered them, and they cannot rise again; they have fallen under my feet. <sup>39</sup>For You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have humbled under me those who rose up against me. <sup>40</sup>You have also given me the neck of my enemies; so that I might destroy those who hate me. <sup>41</sup>They cried, but there was none to save; even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. <sup>42</sup>Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like the dirt in the streets.

<sup>43</sup>You have delivered Me from the strivings of the people; You have made Me the head of the nations; a people whom I have not known shall serve Me. <sup>44</sup>As soon as they hear of Me, they shall obey Me; the sons of strangers shall bow down to Me. <sup>45</sup>The sons of strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their strongholds.

<sup>46</sup>The LORD lives; and blessed *be* my rock, and let the God of my salvation be praised. <sup>47</sup>*It is* God who avenges me, and humbles the people under me. <sup>48</sup>He delivers me from my enemies; yea, You lift me up above those who rise up against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. <sup>49</sup>Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name, <sup>50</sup>magnifying the salvations to His king, and working mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his seed forevermore.

## PSALM 19

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; and the expanse inscribes His handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day by day *they* pour forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech nor are there words *where* their voice *is* not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, <sup>5</sup>and he comes forth as a

bridegroom from his canopy; he rejoices as a strong man to run a race, <sup>6</sup>going forth from the end of the heavens, and its course is to their ends. And there is nothing hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making the simple wise. <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; the commandments of the LORD *are* pure, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD *are* true and righteous altogether, <sup>10</sup>more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>And Your servant is warned by them; in keeping them there *is* great reward. <sup>12</sup>Who can understand *his* errors? Oh make me pure from secret *faults*; <sup>13</sup>and keep Your servant back from presumptuous *sins*; do not let them rule over me; then I shall be upright, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### PSALM 20

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>May the LORD hear you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob set you on high; <sup>2</sup>sending you help from the sanctuary, and upholding you out of Zion. <sup>3</sup>He will remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>May He grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your plans. <sup>5</sup>We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up banners; may the LORD fulfill all your prayers.

<sup>6</sup>Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will hear him from His holy Heaven with the saving strengths of His right hand. <sup>7</sup>Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. <sup>8</sup>They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup>Save, O LORD; let the King hear us when we call.

### PSALM 21

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The king shall rejoice in Your strength, O LORD; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! <sup>2</sup>You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the prayer of his lips. Selah.

<sup>3</sup>For You go before him *with* the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold on his head. <sup>4</sup>He asked life from You; You give to him length of days forever and ever. <sup>5</sup>His glory *is* great in Your salvation; honor and majesty You have laid on him. <sup>6</sup>For You have made him most blessed forever; You have rejoiced him in the gladness in Your holy face. <sup>7</sup>For the king trusts in the LORD, and in the mercy of the Most High; he shall not be moved. <sup>8</sup>Your hand shall find out all Your enemies; Your right hand shall find out those who hate You. <sup>9</sup>You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your presence; the LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them. <sup>10</sup>Their fruit shall You destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the sons of men. <sup>11</sup>For they intended evil against You; they imagined a wicked thing; they are not able to prevail. <sup>12</sup>For You shall make them turn the back; You shall make ready Your *arrows* on Your strings against their faces.

<sup>13</sup>Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; we will sing, and praise Your power.

## PSALM 22

*To the Chief Musician, on the deer of the dawn. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and are far from my deliverance, *and from* the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer; and in the night, and am not silent. <sup>3</sup>But You *are* holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. <sup>5</sup>They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup>But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip; they shake the head, *saying*, <sup>8</sup>He trusted on the LORD; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, since He delights in him!

<sup>9</sup>For You *are* He who took me out of the womb, causing me to trust when I was on my mother's breasts. <sup>10</sup>I was cast on You from the womb; You *are* my God from my mother's belly. <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me; for trouble is near, for there is none to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls have circled around me; strong *bulls* of Bashan have surrounded me. <sup>13</sup>They opened wide their mouths on me, like a ripping and a roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones *are* spread apart; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue clings to my jaws; <sup>16</sup>and You have brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have circled around me; the band of spoilers have hemmed me in, piercers of my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones; they look and stare at me. <sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. <sup>19</sup>But You, O LORD, be far from me; O my strength, hurry to help me! <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my only one from the dog's hand. <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth; from the wild oxen's hand. You have answered me.

<sup>22</sup>I will declare Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You. <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him; all of you, the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him all the seed of Israel. <sup>24</sup>For He has not despised nor hated the affliction of the afflicted; and He has not hidden His face from him, but when he cried to Him, He heard. <sup>25</sup>My praise *shall be* of You in the great congregation; I will pay my vows before the ones who fear Him. <sup>26</sup>The meek shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD shall praise Him; your heart shall live forever. <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. <sup>28</sup>For the kingdom *is* the LORD's; and *He is* the ruler among the nations. <sup>29</sup>All the fat *ones* on the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him; and none can keep alive his own soul. <sup>30</sup>A seed shall serve Him; it shall be spoken of the LORD to the *coming* generation. <sup>31</sup>They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness to a people that shall *yet* be born, that He has done this.

## PSALM 23

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD *is* my Shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## PSALM 24

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who dwell in it. <sup>2</sup>For He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Who shall go up into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, and has not sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup>This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, *O God of Jacob.* Selah.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift up, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.

## PSALM 25

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, I trust in You; do not let me be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup>Yea, let none who wait on You be ashamed; let them be ashamed who sin without cause. <sup>4</sup>Make me know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in Your truth, and teach me; for You *are* the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day long. <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses; for they *are* from eternity. <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my rebellings; according to Your mercy remember me for Your goodness' sake, O LORD. <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He will teach sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>The meek He will guide in judgment; and the meek He will teach His way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. <sup>11</sup>For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity; for it is great.

<sup>12</sup>What man is he who fears the LORD? He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose. <sup>13</sup>His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. <sup>14</sup>The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him; and He will show them His covenant. <sup>15</sup>My eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. <sup>16</sup>Turn to me, and have mercy on me, for I *am* wasted and afflicted. <sup>17</sup>The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. <sup>18</sup>Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. <sup>19</sup>Look on my enemies; for they are many; and they hate me *with* cruel hatred. <sup>20</sup>Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. <sup>21</sup>Let purity and uprightness keep me; for I wait on You. <sup>22</sup>Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

## PSALM 26

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in my truthfulness. I have trusted also in the LORD; I shall not slide. <sup>2</sup>Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try, my heart and my mind. <sup>3</sup>For Your loving-kindness is before my eyes; and I have walked in Your truth. <sup>4</sup>I have not sat with lying men, neither will I go in with hypocrites. <sup>5</sup>I have hated the congregation of evil-doers, and will not sit with the wicked. <sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocency; so I will go around Your altar, O LORD, <sup>7</sup>so that I may cry out with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wonderful works. <sup>8</sup>LORD, I have loved the dwelling place of Your house, and the place where Your honor dwells. <sup>9</sup>Do not take away my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men <sup>10</sup>in whose hands is a plot, and their right hand is full of a



bribe. <sup>11</sup>But I will walk in my truthfulness; redeem me and be merciful to me. <sup>12</sup>My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the LORD.

## PSALM 27

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When the wicked, my enemies and my foes, came on me to eat my flesh, they stumbled and fell. <sup>3</sup>Though an army should camp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, I still will have faith. <sup>4</sup>One *thing* I have desired from the LORD, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to pray in His temple. <sup>5</sup>For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His shelter, in the secrecy of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me up on a rock. <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies, my encirclers; and I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle. I will sing; yea, I will sing praises to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice; and have mercy on me, and answer me. <sup>8</sup>My heart says to You, Seek my face; Your face, O LORD, I will seek; <sup>9</sup>Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. <sup>10</sup>When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. <sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup>Deliver me not over to the will of my enemies; for false witnesses have risen up against me, and he that breathes out cruelty. <sup>13</sup>*I would have fainted* unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Hope in the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall make your heart strong; yea, hope in the LORD.

## PSALM 28

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I will cry to You, O LORD; my Rock, do not be deaf to me, lest, *if* You be silent to me, I become like those who go down into the pit. <sup>2</sup>Hear the voice of my prayers, when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your Holy Place. <sup>3</sup>Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbors, yet evil *is* in their hearts. <sup>4</sup>Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their practices, give them according to the work of their hands; give them what they deserve. <sup>5</sup>Because they do not pay attention to the works of the LORD and to the work of His hands, He shall destroy them and never build them up.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my prayers. <sup>7</sup>The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song I will praise Him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD *is* a strength to them, and He *is* the saving strength of His anointed. <sup>9</sup>Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up forever.

## PSALM 29

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Give to the LORD, O you mighty, give to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Give to the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD *is* on the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD *is* above many waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD *is* in power, the voice of the LORD *is* in majesty. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He also makes them to skip like a calf, Lebanon

and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD goes through flames of fire. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the does to calve, and uncovers the forests; and in His temple all of it *is saying*, Glory!

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits on the flood; yea, the LORD sits *as King* forever. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

### PSALM 30

*A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the House of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I will praise You, O LORD; for You have lifted me up, and have not allowed my foes to rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to You, and You have healed me. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, You have brought up my soul from the grave; You have kept me alive, so that I should not go down to the Pit. <sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you saints of His, and give thanks at the memory of His holiness. <sup>5</sup>For His anger *is only* a moment; in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy *comes* in the morning. <sup>6</sup>And in my blessedness I shall say, I shall never be moved. <sup>7</sup>O LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled. <sup>8</sup>I will cry to You, O LORD; and I will pray to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>What profit *is* in my blood, in going down to the pit? Shall the dust praise You? Shall it tell of Your truth? <sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD; be my helper. <sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have torn off my sackcloth, and have clothed me *with gladness*. <sup>12</sup>so that *my glory* may sing praise to You, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

### PSALM 31

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. <sup>2</sup>Bow down Your ear to me; deliver me quickly; be my strong rock, a fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>For You *are* my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake lead me and guide me. <sup>4</sup>Bring me out of the net that they hid for me, for You *are* my strength. <sup>5</sup>Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. <sup>6</sup>I have hated those who take heed to lying vanities; but I trust in the LORD. <sup>7</sup>I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy; for You have looked on my affliction; You have known my soul in troubles; <sup>8</sup>and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye has become old with grief, my soul and my belly. <sup>10</sup>For my life is ending with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones have wasted away. <sup>11</sup>I was a reproach among all my foes, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to my friends; those who saw me outside fled from me. <sup>12</sup>I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the slander of many; fear *is* on every side; because of their plottings together against me, they planned to take away my life. <sup>14</sup>But I trusted in You, O LORD; I said, You *are* my God. <sup>15</sup>My times *are* in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup>Make Your face to shine on Your servant; save me for Your sake of Your mercy. <sup>17</sup>Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called on You; Let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in the grave. <sup>18</sup>Let the lying lips be put to silence; the lips which speak proudly against the righteous, with pride and scorn.

<sup>19</sup>How great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You; You have worked for those who trust in You before the sons of men! <sup>20</sup>You shall hide them in the secrecy of Your presence from the pride of man; You shall hide them in a shelter away from the strife of tongues. <sup>21</sup>Blessed be the LORD; for He has worked His mercy wondrously in a besieged city. <sup>22</sup>For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Your eyes; surely You heard the voice of my cries, when I cried to You.

<sup>23</sup>O love the LORD, all you saints of His; the LORD preserves the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer. <sup>24</sup>Be strong, and He will make your heart stronger, all you who hope in the LORD.

### PSALM 32

*A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, *whose sin is covered*. <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not charge iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. <sup>3</sup>When I kept silence, my bones became old through my roaring all the day long. <sup>4</sup>For by day and by night Your hand was heavy on me; my sap is turned into the droughts of summer. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>I confessed my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgression to the LORD; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

<sup>6</sup>For this let every godly one pray to You, in a time when You may be found; surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come near him. <sup>7</sup>You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall circle *me* with songs of deliverance. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you, *with my eye* on you. <sup>9</sup>Be not like the horse, or like the mule, who have no understanding, whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, so *that* they do not come near you. <sup>10</sup>The wicked *has* many sorrows, but mercy goes all around him who trusts in the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### PSALM 33

<sup>1</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O righteous *ones*; praise *is* becoming for the upright. <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD with lyre; sing to Him with a harp of ten strings. <sup>3</sup>Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with shouts of joy. <sup>4</sup>For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all His works *are* in truth. <sup>5</sup>*He* loves righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. <sup>7</sup>He gathered the waters of the sea like a heap, setting the depths in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world stand in awe of Him. <sup>9</sup>For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood. <sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He breaks the plots of the people. <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God *is* the LORD; the people He has chosen for His inheritance. <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from Heaven; He beholds all the sons of mankind. <sup>14</sup>From His dwelling place He looks on all the people of the earth. <sup>15</sup>Together He forms their hearts; *His* understanding *is* to all their works. <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by a great army; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. <sup>17</sup>A horse *is* a vain thing for safety; neither shall he deliver by his great strength. <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* to those who fear Him, on those who hope in

His mercy; <sup>19</sup>to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; He *is* our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we trust in His holy name. <sup>22</sup>Let Your mercy, O LORD, be on us, according as we hope in You.

### PSALM 34

*A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise always *shall be* in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>They looked to Him, and were filled with light; and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard, and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The Angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear Him, and delivers them. <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him. <sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, His holy ones; for there is nothing lacking to those who fear Him. <sup>10</sup>The young lions lack, and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

<sup>11</sup>Come, listen to me, you children; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Who *is* the man that desires life, and loves days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile. <sup>14</sup>Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their cry. <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>17</sup>*The righteous* cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup>The LORD *is* near to the broken-hearted; and saves those who are of a contrite spirit. <sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. <sup>21</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous shall be held guilty. <sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the soul of His servants; and none of them who trust in Him shall be guilty.

### PSALM 35

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Strive, O LORD, with those who strive with me; fight against those who fight against me. <sup>2</sup>Take hold of a shield and buckler, and stand up for my help. <sup>3</sup>Also draw out the spear and the lance against those who pursue me; say to my soul, I *am* your salvation. <sup>4</sup>Let them be humbled and put to shame, those who seek after my soul; let them be turned back and be brought to blushing, those who plot evil to me. <sup>5</sup>Let them be as chaff before the wind; and let the Angel of the LORD drive *them* away. <sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery; and let the Angel of the LORD pursue them. <sup>7</sup>For without cause they have spread their net for me in a pit-net; without cause they have dug for my soul. <sup>8</sup>Let ruin come on him; and let his net which he has hidden catch himself; let him fall in it, into ruin. <sup>9</sup>And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; it shall rejoice in His salvation. <sup>10</sup>All my bones shall say, O LORD, who *is* like You, who delivers the poor from those stronger than he; yea, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?

<sup>11</sup>Cruel witnesses rose up; they asked of me that which I never knew. <sup>12</sup>They rewarded me evil for good; bereaving my soul. <sup>13</sup>But when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fastings; and my prayer returned into my own bosom. <sup>14</sup>As a friend, as to my brother, I walked; as one who mourns for a mother, I was bowed down, mourning. <sup>15</sup>But in my stumbling they rejoiced,

and gathered themselves; the defamers gathered themselves against me, and I knew not; they tore and were not silent, <sup>16</sup>with the hypocrites, mockers, *they gnashed on me with their teeth.* <sup>17</sup>O LORD, how *long* will You look on? Rescue my soul from their ravages, my only one from the lions.

<sup>18</sup>I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty people. <sup>19</sup>Let not those who are my lying enemies rejoice over me, those who hate me without cause wink *with the eye.* <sup>20</sup>For they do not speak peace; but they think deceitful things against those who are quiet in the land. <sup>21</sup>And they open their mouth wide against me; and said, Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup>You have seen, O LORD; do not keep silence, O LORD; O LORD, do not be far from me. <sup>23</sup>Stir up Yourself and awaken to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord. <sup>24</sup>Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me. <sup>25</sup>Let them not say in their hearts, Aha! Our Soul! Let them not say, We have swallowed him up. <sup>26</sup>Let them be ashamed and brought to shame together, those who rejoice at my evil; let them be clothed *with shame and dishonor* those who magnify themselves against me. <sup>27</sup>Let those who delight in my justification shout and rejoice; and they shall say without ceasing, The Lord be magnified, delighting in the peace of His servant. <sup>28</sup>And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness, of Your praise all the day long.

### PSALM 36

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD.*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle of transgression within my heart utters of the wicked, There is no fear of God before his eyes. <sup>2</sup>For he flatters himself in his own eyes, so that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. <sup>3</sup>The words of his mouth *are evil and deceit*; he has stopped acting wise and doing good. <sup>4</sup>He plots evil on his bed; he sets himself in a way *that is not good*; he does not hate evil.

<sup>5</sup>Your mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep; O LORD, You keep man and beast. <sup>7</sup>How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God! And the sons of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wing. <sup>8</sup>They shall be satisfied with the fatness of Your house; and You shall make them drink of the river of Your pleasures. <sup>9</sup>For with You *is* the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light. <sup>10</sup>O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. <sup>11</sup>Do not let the foot of pride come against me, and do not let the hand of the wicked move me. <sup>12</sup>There the evil-doers have fallen; they are cast down, and cannot rise.

### PSALM 37

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Do not fret yourself with evil doers; and do not be envious against the workers of iniquity. <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass; and fade as the green herb. <sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good; you shall dwell in the land, and you shall be fed on truth. <sup>4</sup>Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup>Roll your way on the LORD; trust also in Him, and He will work. <sup>6</sup>And He shall bring forth your righteousness like the light, and your judgment like the noonday. <sup>7</sup>Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret yourself because of him who prospers *in* his way, because of him who practices wickedness. <sup>8</sup>Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret yourself to do evil. <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. <sup>10</sup>*It is* but a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, you shall search

his place, and he shall not be. <sup>11</sup>But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the overflowings of peace.

<sup>12</sup>The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes on him with his teeth. <sup>13</sup>The LORD laughs at him; for He sees that his day is coming. <sup>14</sup>The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to kill those who walk uprightly. <sup>15</sup>Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. <sup>16</sup>A little to the righteous is better than the riches of many wicked. <sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the LORD upholds the righteous. <sup>18</sup>The LORD knows the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be forever. <sup>19</sup>They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. <sup>20</sup>But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be like the fat of lambs; they are consumed; like smoke, they vanish.

<sup>21</sup>The wicked borrows, and never pays again; but the righteous shows mercy, and gives. <sup>22</sup>For those who are blessed by Him shall inherit the earth; and those cursed by Him shall be cut off. <sup>23</sup>The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD; and He delights in his way. <sup>24</sup>Though he fall, he shall not be cast down; for the LORD upholds his hand. <sup>25</sup>I have been young, and am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread. <sup>26</sup>All the day long he deals graciously, and lends; and his seed is blessed.

<sup>27</sup>Depart from evil and do good; and live forevermore. <sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves judgment and does not forsake His saints; they are kept forever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. <sup>29</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever. <sup>30</sup>The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment. <sup>31</sup>The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. <sup>32</sup>The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him. <sup>33</sup>The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor allow him to be found guilty when he is judged. <sup>34</sup>Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, and He shall lift you up to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. <sup>35</sup>I have seen the wicked ruthless, and spreading himself like a luxuriant native tree. <sup>36</sup>Yet he passed away, and, lo, he is not; and I looked for him, but he could not be found.

<sup>37</sup>Watch the perfect and behold the upright one; for the end of that man is peace. <sup>38</sup>But the sinners are destroyed together; the end of the wicked is cut off. <sup>39</sup>But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble. <sup>40</sup>And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

### PSALM 38

*A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath; neither chasten me in Your fury. <sup>2</sup>For Your arrows stick fast in me, and Your hand presses heavily on me. <sup>3</sup>There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger; nor rest in my bones because of my sin. <sup>4</sup>For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. <sup>5</sup>My wounds have putrefied and rotted, because of my foolishness. <sup>6</sup>I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. <sup>7</sup>For my loins are filled with a burning; and there is no soundness in my flesh. <sup>8</sup>I am feeble and painfully broken; I have roared because of the groanings of my heart. <sup>9</sup>My Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You. <sup>10</sup>My heart pants; my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me. <sup>11</sup>My lovers and my friends stand apart from my plague; and my neighbors stand far off. <sup>12</sup>And those who seek my life lay snares for me; and those who seek my hurt speak sly things, and utter deceits all the day long. <sup>13</sup>But like a deaf one, I do not hear; and I am like a dumb one who opens not his mouth. <sup>14</sup>And

I am as a man who hears not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. <sup>15</sup>For in You, O LORD, do I hope; You will hear, O LORD my God. <sup>16</sup>For I said, Hear me, lest they rejoice over me; when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me. <sup>17</sup>For I *am* ready to fall, and my pain *is* always before me. <sup>18</sup>For I will declare my iniquity; I am anxious from my sin. <sup>19</sup>And my enemies *are* lively; *they are* strong; and my haters increase by deception. <sup>20</sup>And those who give evil for good oppose me, because I follow good.

<sup>21</sup>Forsake me not, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me. <sup>22</sup>Make haste to help me, O my LORD, my salvation.

### PSALM 39

*To the Chief Musician, to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I said, I will take heed to my ways so that I do not sin with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked *are* before me. <sup>2</sup>I became dumb, keeping still; I was silent, from good; and my pain was stirred. <sup>3</sup>My heart was hot within me; while I was musing, the fire burned; I spoke with my tongue: <sup>4</sup>O LORD, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is; I know how frail I *am*. <sup>5</sup>Behold, You have made my days as a handbreadth, and my age is as nothing before You. Surely every man standing *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

<sup>6</sup>Surely a man walks about like a shadow! Surely they are in an uproar in vain. He heaps up, and does not know who shall gather them. <sup>7</sup>And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You. <sup>8</sup>Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the fool. <sup>9</sup>I was dumb, I did not open my mouth; because You have done *it*. <sup>10</sup>Remove Your stroke away from me; I am destroyed by the blow of Your hand. <sup>11</sup>You correct a man for iniquity with rebukes, and you make his desires vanish away like a moth. Surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

<sup>12</sup>Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry. Do not be silent at my tears; for I am a stranger with You, a pilgrim, as all my fathers *were*. <sup>13</sup>Look away from me, and I will smile before I go away and be no more.

### PSALM 40

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; and He bowed down to me, and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock, and gave sureness to my steps. <sup>3</sup>And He has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God; many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Blessed *is* the man who makes the LORD his trust and does not turn to the proud, nor to those who turn aside *to* lies. <sup>5</sup>O LORD my God, many things You have done, Your wonderful works and Your thoughts which are toward us; they cannot be set in order to You; I will declare and speak, for they are more than can be numbered. <sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened; burnt offering and sin offering You have not asked. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, Lo, I come, in the volume of the Book *it is* written of Me; <sup>8</sup>I delight to do Your will, O My God; and Your law *is* within My heart. <sup>9</sup>I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not kept back my lips, O LORD, You know. <sup>10</sup>I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not hidden Your loving-kindness and Your truth from the great congregation. <sup>11</sup>Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth always watch over me. <sup>12</sup>For evils without number have hemmed me in; my sins have taken hold on me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me. <sup>13</sup>Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help

me. <sup>14</sup>Let them be ashamed and humbled together, those who seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame, those who wish me evil. <sup>15</sup>Let them be desolate as a reward for their shame, those who say to me, Aha, aha! <sup>16</sup>Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You, and the ones loving your salvation always say, Let the LORD be magnified. <sup>17</sup>But I *am* poor and needy; the LORD will care for me; You *are* my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not wait.

#### PSALM 41

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is he who acts wisely toward the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. <sup>2</sup>The LORD will watch over him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed on the earth; and You will not deliver him to the soul of his enemies. <sup>3</sup>The LORD will hold him up on the bed of sickness; You will change all his bed in his illness. <sup>4</sup>I said, LORD, be merciful to me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against You. <sup>5</sup>My enemies speak evil of me, *saying*, When will he die, and his name perish? <sup>6</sup>And when he comes to see *me*, he speaks vanity; his heart gathers iniquity to itself; he goes out and speaks of it. <sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper together against me; they plot evil to me. <sup>8</sup>*They say*, a wicked thing is poured out on him, and *he* who lies down shall rise no more.

<sup>9</sup>Even a man, my friend, in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up *his* heel against me. <sup>10</sup>But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, so that I may repay them. <sup>11</sup>By this I know that You delight in me, because my enemy does not triumph over me. <sup>12</sup>And I, in my integrity You uphold me; and You set me before Your face forever.

<sup>13</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen and Amen!

#### PSALM 42

*To the Chief Musician. A contemplation; for the sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>As the hart pants after the water brooks, so my soul pants after You, O God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? <sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, while *they* say to me all the day, Where *is* your God? <sup>4</sup>When I remember these things, I pour out my soul on me; for I had gone with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise; a multitude keeping the feast.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and moan within me? Hope in God; for I shall praise Him for the salvation of His face. <sup>6</sup>O my God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermons, from mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup>Deep calls to deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and Your billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will command His loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song *shall be* with me, my prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup>I will say to God my rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the cruelty of the enemy? <sup>10</sup>As with a sword in my bones, my enemies shame me; while they say daily to me, Where *is* your God? <sup>11</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why do you moan within me? Hope in God; for I still praise Him, the salvation of my face, and my God.

#### PSALM 43

<sup>1</sup>Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. <sup>2</sup>For You *are* the God of my strength; why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning under the affliction of the enemy?



<sup>3</sup>Oh send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles. <sup>4</sup>Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; yea, on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. <sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why do you moan within me? Hope in God; for I still praise Him, the salvation of my face, and my God.

## PSALM 44

*To the Chief Musician. For the sons of Korah, a contemplation.*

<sup>1</sup>We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us the work which You did in their days, in the days of old. <sup>2</sup>You drove out the nations *with* Your hand, and planted them; You brought evil on peoples and cast them out. <sup>3</sup>For they did not get the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but *it was* Your right hand, and Your arm, and the light of Your face, because You favored them. <sup>4</sup>You *are* my king, O God; command victories for Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Through You we will push our enemies; through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. <sup>6</sup>For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. <sup>7</sup>But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put them to shame, those who hated us. <sup>8</sup>In God we boast all the day long, and praise Your name forever. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>Now You have cast us off, and have shamed us, and You do not go forth with our armies. <sup>10</sup>You make us turn back from the adversary; and our haters plunder for themselves. <sup>11</sup>You have given us like sheep *for* food, and have scattered us among the nations. <sup>12</sup>You have sold Your people for nothing, and You did not increase by their price. <sup>13</sup>You make us a curse to our neighbors, a scorn and a mockery to those who are round about us. <sup>14</sup>You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the people. <sup>15</sup>My shame *is* always before me, and the shame of my face has covered me: <sup>16</sup>because of the slanderer and the blasphemer; before the enemy and avenger. <sup>17</sup>All this has come on us; yet we have not forgotten You nor dealt falsely in Your covenant. <sup>18</sup>Our heart is not turned back, nor have our steps turned aside from Your way, <sup>19</sup>though You have crushed us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

<sup>20</sup>If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god, <sup>21</sup>shall not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. <sup>22</sup>Yea, for Your sake we are put to death all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. <sup>23</sup>Awaken! Why do You sleep, O LORD? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. <sup>24</sup>Why do You hide Your face, *and* forget our affliction and distress? <sup>25</sup>For our soul *is* bowed down to the dust; our belly holds fast to the earth. <sup>26</sup>Arise *for* our help, and redeem us for the sake of Your mercy.

## PSALM 45

*To the Chief Musician. Concerning the Lilies, for the sons of Korah, a contemplation; A Song of Loves.*

<sup>1</sup>My heart is overflowing *with* a good matter; I speak *of* my works to the King; my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer. <sup>2</sup>You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured into Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. <sup>3</sup>Gird Your sword on *Your* thigh, O mighty one, *with* Your glory and Your majesty. <sup>4</sup>And ride prosperously *in* Your majesty, ride on, because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You fearful things. <sup>5</sup>Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the people fall under You.

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; the staff of Your kingdom *is* a staff of righteousness. <sup>7</sup>You love righteousness, and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows. <sup>8</sup>All

Your garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. <sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters *are* among Your precious ones; on Your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. <sup>10</sup>Listen, O daughter, and look; and bow down your ear; and forget your own people and your father's house. <sup>11</sup>And cause the King greatly to desire your beauty for He *is* your Lord; and you shall worship Him. <sup>12</sup>And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the peoples shall stroke your face. <sup>13</sup>The king's daughter *is* all glorious within; her clothing is trimmed with gold. <sup>14</sup>She shall be brought to the king in clothing of needlework; the virgins, her companions after her, shall be brought to You. <sup>15</sup>They shall be led with joy and gladness; they shall enter into the King's palace. <sup>16</sup>Your sons shall be in the place of your fathers; you will make them princes in all the land. <sup>17</sup>I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

#### PSALM 46

*To the Chief Musician. For the sons of Korah. A Song "For the Virgins."*

<sup>1</sup>God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear when the earth changes, and when mountains *are* slipping into the heart of the seas. <sup>3</sup>Let its waters roar *and* foam; let the mountains shake with the swelling of it. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>*There is* a river, the streams of which make the city of God glad, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High. <sup>5</sup>God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her at the turning of the morning. <sup>6</sup>The nations raged, the kingdoms were shaken; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, who makes ruins on the earth; <sup>9</sup>who makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. <sup>10</sup>Be still, and know that I *am* God! I will be praised among the nations, I will be praised in the earth. <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

#### PSALM 47

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hand, all you people; shout to God with the voice of triumph. <sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High *is* awesome, a great king over all the earth. <sup>3</sup>He shall humble the people under us, and nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup>He shall choose our inheritance for us, the majesty of Jacob whom He loved. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praise. <sup>7</sup>For God *is* King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding. <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations, God sits on the throne of His holiness. <sup>9</sup>The rulers of the peoples *are* gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham; <sup>10</sup>for the shields of the earth *are* God's; He is lifted up on high.

#### PSALM 48

*A Song and Psalm for the Sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. <sup>2</sup>Beautiful on high, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. <sup>3</sup>God *is* known in her strongholds for a refuge. <sup>4</sup>For, lo, the kings were gathered; they passed by together. <sup>5</sup>They saw, so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hurried away. <sup>6</sup>Fear took hold on them there, *and* pain, like a woman in labor.

<sup>7</sup>You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind; <sup>8</sup>as we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>We have thought of Your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple. <sup>10</sup>According to Your name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness; let mount Zion rejoice! <sup>11</sup>Let the daughters of Judah shout for joy because of Your judgments! <sup>12</sup>Walk around Zion, and go all around it; count the towers of it, <sup>13</sup>Set your heart on its ramparts, pass between its strongholds; so that you may tell it to the coming generation. <sup>14</sup>For this God *is* our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death.

#### PSALM 49

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world; <sup>2</sup>both sons of mankind, and sons of man, rich and poor together; <sup>3</sup>my mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the thoughts of my heart *shall be* of understanding. <sup>4</sup>I will bow down my ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying on the harp. <sup>5</sup>Why should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the perversity of my ambushers will surround me? <sup>6</sup>Those who trust in their wealth, and their many riches, boast themselves. <sup>7</sup>A man cannot at all redeem a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, <sup>8</sup>for the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceases forever, <sup>9</sup>for he shall yet live forever; he shall never see corruption. <sup>10</sup>For he sees wise men die; likewise the fool and the animal-like ones perish, and leave their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup>Their inward *thought is that* their houses *shall go on* forever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. <sup>12</sup>But man, though high in honor, does not remain; he is like the animals that perish. <sup>13</sup>This way of theirs is their foolishness; yet their followers delight in their sayings. Selah.

<sup>14</sup>Like sheep they are appointed to the grave; death shall reign *for* them; and the upright shall have the rule over them in the morning; and their form *is* for rotting; the grave is their home. <sup>15</sup>But God will redeem my soul from the hand of the grave; for He will take me. Selah.

<sup>16</sup>Be not afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases; <sup>17</sup>for when he dies he shall take nothing away; his glory shall not go down after him. <sup>18</sup>For in his life he blessed his soul — yea, *men* praise you when you do well to yourself. <sup>19</sup>He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. <sup>20</sup>Man in honor, but without understanding, is like the animals; they shall perish.

#### PSALM 50

*A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>The mighty God, the LORD, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to *its* going down. <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone. <sup>3</sup>Our God comes, and He is not silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very stormy all around Him. <sup>4</sup>He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, so that He may judge His people. <sup>5</sup>Gather My saints to Me; and those who cut My covenant by sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>And the heavens shall declare His righteousness; for God Himself *is* judge. Selah.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, My people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against you; I *am* your God. <sup>8</sup>I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; yea, your burnt offerings *are* continually before Me. <sup>9</sup>I will take no bull out of your house, *nor* he-goats out of your folds. <sup>10</sup>For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. <sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine. <sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world *is* Mine, and the

fullness of it. <sup>13</sup>Will I eat the flesh of the mighty, or drink the blood of goats? <sup>14</sup>Offer to God thanksgiving; and pay your vows to the Most High; <sup>15</sup>and call on Me in the day of trouble; and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. <sup>16</sup>But to the wicked, God says, *What is it to you, to declare My statutes, and you take My covenant in your mouth?* <sup>17</sup>Yea, you hate to be taught, and you toss My words behind you. <sup>18</sup>When you saw a thief, then you were pleased to be with him, and you *have taken part with adulterers.* <sup>19</sup>You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. <sup>20</sup>You sit *and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.* <sup>21</sup>These things you have done, and I kept silence; you thought *that I was like yourself, but I will reprove you, and set in order before your eyes.*

<sup>22</sup>Now think of this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. <sup>23</sup>Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and I show the salvation of God to him who prepares a way.

### PSALM 51

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I confess my transgressions; and my sin *is ever before me.* <sup>4</sup>Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done evil in Your sight; that You might be justified when You speak, *and be clear when You judge.* <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup>Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part You shall make me to know wisdom. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that the bones which You have broken may rejoice.* <sup>9</sup>Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup>*Then I will teach transgressors Your way, and sinners shall be converted to You.* <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from the guilt of shedding blood, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. <sup>16</sup>For You do not desire sacrifice; or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit; a broken and an contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

<sup>18</sup>Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>Then shall You be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

### PSALM 52

*To the Chief Musician. A contemplation. A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.*

<sup>1</sup>Why do you boast yourself in evil, O mighty man? The mercy of God *endures forever.* <sup>2</sup>Your tongue devises evil, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. <sup>3</sup>You love evil more than good, and lying more than to speak righteousness. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>You love all devouring words, O deceitful tongue. <sup>5</sup>God will likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of *your tent*, and root you out of the land of the living. Selah.

<sup>6</sup>And the righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, *saying*, <sup>7</sup>Behold, the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and made himself strong in his wickedness.

<sup>8</sup>But *I am* like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. <sup>9</sup>I will praise You forever, because You have done *it*; and I will wait on Your name; for *it is* good before Your saints.

#### PSALM 53

*To the Chief Musician on Mahalath. A contemplation. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, *There is* no God. They acted corruptly, and have worked out abominable wickedness; there is not one doing good. <sup>2</sup>God looked down from Heaven on the sons of mankind to see if *any* were discerning, who was seeking God. <sup>3</sup>Every one has turned away; they have altogether become filthy; not one is doing good, no, not even one. <sup>4</sup>Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? They eat up my people as they eat bread; they have not called on God. <sup>5</sup>There they feared *with* dread, *where* no dread was; for God has scattered the bones of him who camps against you; you have put *them* to shame because God rejects them. <sup>6</sup>Who will give from Zion the salvation of Israel? When God brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

#### PSALM 54

*To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation. A Psalm of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself among us?*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by Your name, and judge me by Your strength. <sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and cruel men seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God *is* my helper; the LORD *is* with those who uphold my soul. <sup>5</sup>He shall reward evil to my enemies; cut them off in Your truth. <sup>6</sup>I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good. <sup>7</sup>For He has delivered me out of all trouble; and my eye has seen *its desire* on my enemies.

#### PSALM 55

*To the Chief Musician. For stringed instruments. A contemplation. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not Yourself from my cry. <sup>2</sup>Attend to me, and hear me; I wander and I moan in my complaint, <sup>3</sup>from the voice of the enemy, from the oppression of the wicked; for they shake iniquity over me, and in wrath they hate me. <sup>4</sup>My heart is pained within me; and the terrors of death have fallen on me. <sup>5</sup>Fear and trembling have come on me, and horror has covered me. <sup>6</sup>And I said, Who will give to me wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. <sup>7</sup>Lo, I would wander far off; I would lodge in the desert. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. <sup>9</sup>Swallow up, O LORD, and divide their tongues; for I have seen violence and fighting in the city. <sup>10</sup>They go around her on her walls by day and night; and evil and sorrow *are* in her midst. <sup>11</sup>Covetings *are* in her midst; oppression and guile will not depart from her streets. <sup>12</sup>For *it is* not an enemy who reviled me; then I could have borne *it*; *it is* not *one* who hates me who magnified himself against me; or I would have hidden myself from him; <sup>13</sup>but it was you, a man my equal, my guide and my friend. <sup>14</sup>We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company.

<sup>15</sup>Let desolation take hold on them, and let them go down alive *into* hell; for evils *are* among them in their dwellings. <sup>16</sup>I will call to God; and the LORD will save me. <sup>17</sup>Evening and morning, and at noon, I will pray and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice. <sup>18</sup>He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me; for there were many with me. <sup>19</sup>God shall hear and answer them, even He who is enthroned of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they do not fear God. <sup>20</sup>He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has broken his covenant. <sup>21</sup>The words of his mouth *were* smooth, but war *was* in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they *were* drawn swords.

<sup>22</sup>Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will keep you; He will never allow the righteous to waver. <sup>23</sup>But You, O God, will bring them down into the pit of ruin; bloody and deceitful men shall *not live* half their days; but I will trust in You.

### PSALM 56

*To the Chief Musician. Concerning the silent dove — those far off. Of David, a secret treasure — when the Philistines took him in Gath.*

<sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; fighting daily, he presses me down. <sup>2</sup>My watchers daily panted for me; for many are they who proudly fight against me. <sup>3</sup>When I am afraid I will trust in You. <sup>4</sup>In God I will praise His word; in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do to me. <sup>5</sup>All day long they pervert my words; all their thoughts *are* against me for evil. <sup>6</sup>They stir up strife; they hide themselves; they watch my steps as they wait *for* my soul. <sup>7</sup>Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

<sup>8</sup>You number my wandering; O put my tears into Your bottle; *are they* not in Your Book? <sup>9</sup>When I cry, then my enemies will be turned back. This I know, for God is with me. <sup>10</sup>In God I will praise His word; in the LORD will I praise His word. <sup>11</sup>In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid of what man can do to me. <sup>12</sup>Your vows *are* on me, O God; I will give praises to You. <sup>13</sup>For You have delivered my soul from death; *have* You not delivered my feet from falling, *so that* I may walk before God in the light of the living?

### PSALM 57

*To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.*

<sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me; for my soul trusts in You; yea, in the shadow of Your wings I will make my hiding-place, until these great troubles pass by. <sup>2</sup>I will cry to God most high, to God who does all things for me. <sup>3</sup>He shall send from Heaven, and save me from the scorn of him who would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth. <sup>4</sup>My soul is among lions; I lie *among* those who are set on fire, the sons of men whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. <sup>5</sup>Be praised above the heavens, O God; let Your glory *be* above all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; *they have* dug a pit before me, in the middle of which they have fallen. Selah. <sup>7</sup>My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise. <sup>8</sup>Wake up, my soul! Wake up, harp and lyre! I will awake early. <sup>9</sup>I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. <sup>10</sup>For Your mercy *is* great to the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds. <sup>11</sup>Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let Your glory *be* above all the earth.

## PSALM 58

*To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Will you indeed speak righteousness in silence? Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men? <sup>2</sup>Yes, in heart you work the evil of your hands in the land. <sup>3</sup>The wicked are estranged from the womb; *they go astray from the womb, speaking lies.* <sup>4</sup>Their poison is like the poison of a snake; like the deaf adder, he stops his ear, <sup>5</sup>which will not listen to the charmer's voice, a skillful caster of spells. <sup>6</sup>O God, break their teeth in their mouth; break out the big teeth of the young lions, O LORD. <sup>7</sup>Let them melt away like waters; they run off to them; he bends his arrows, *let them be as though they were cut off.* <sup>8</sup>As a snail goes *into* melting; as a miscarriage of a woman, they do not see the sun. <sup>9</sup>Before your pots can feel the thorns, whether green *or* glowing, He shall sweep it away. <sup>10</sup>The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. <sup>11</sup>And man shall say, Truly, there is a reward for the righteous; truly, there is a God judging in the earth.

## PSALM 59

*To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.*

<sup>1</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; defend me from those who rise up against me. <sup>2</sup>Deliver me from the workers of evil and save me from bloody men. <sup>3</sup>For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. <sup>4</sup>Without *my* fault they run and prepare themselves; awaken to help me, and look on me.

<sup>5</sup>And You, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the nations; do not be merciful to any plotting evil. Selah. <sup>6</sup>They return at evening; they make a noise like a dog, and go around the city. <sup>7</sup>Behold, they bellow out with their mouth; swords *are* in their lips; for *they say*, Who hears? <sup>8</sup>But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them; You will mock at all the nations. <sup>9</sup>O my Strength, to You let me watch; for God *is* my strong tower.

<sup>10</sup>The God of my mercy shall go before me; God shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies. <sup>11</sup>Do not kill them, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power; and bring them down, O LORD our shield. <sup>12</sup>For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; and for cursing and lying *which* they speak. <sup>13</sup>Consume *them* in wrath; consume, so that they may not be; and let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah.

<sup>14</sup>And at evening they shall return; let them howl like a dog, and go around the city. <sup>15</sup>Let them wander up and down for food, and growl if they are not satisfied. <sup>16</sup>But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my strong tower and hiding-place in the day of my trouble. <sup>17</sup>To You, O my strength, I will sing; for God *is* my strong tower and the God of my mercy.

## PSALM 60

*To the Chief Musician. On the Lily of Testimony. A secret treasure of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram of Zobah, when Joab returned and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us, You were angry; take us back. <sup>2</sup>You made the earth tremble; You tore it; heal the breaks of it, for it is shaking. <sup>3</sup>You have shown Your people hard things; You have made us to drink the wine of trembling. <sup>4</sup>You have given a banner to those who fear You, to lift it up because of the truth. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>Save with Your right hand and answer me, that Your beloved may be delivered. <sup>6</sup>God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth. <sup>7</sup>Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; and Ephraim is the strength of My head, Judah is My lawgiver; <sup>8</sup>Moab is My washpot; over Edom I will cast out My shoe; over Philistia I cry in triumph. <sup>9</sup>Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom? <sup>10</sup>Have not You, O God, cast us off? And will You, O God, not go out with our armies? <sup>11</sup>Give us help against our foe; for vain is the help of man. <sup>12</sup>Through God we shall do great things; for it is He who shall trample our enemies.

## PSALM 61

*To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. <sup>2</sup>From the end of the earth I cry to You when my heart is faint; Lead me to the Rock higher than I. <sup>3</sup>For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower before the enemy. <sup>4</sup>I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the hiding place of Your wings. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given an inheritance to those who fear Your name. <sup>6</sup>You will add to the days of the king's life; his years will be for many generations. <sup>7</sup>He shall sit before God forever; prepare mercy and truth to preserve him. <sup>8</sup>So I will sing praise to Your name forever, so that I may daily pay my vows.

## PSALM 62

*To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Only to God is my soul in silence; from Him comes my salvation. <sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my tower; I shall not be greatly moved. <sup>3</sup>How long will you imagine mischief against a man? You will shatter him, all of you; you shall be like a bowing wall and a tottering fence. <sup>4</sup>Surely they have plotted to cast him down from his great height; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse in their heart. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>My soul, be silent only to God; for my hope is from Him. <sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my strong tower; I shall not be moved. <sup>7</sup>In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength; my hiding-place is in God. <sup>8</sup>Trust in Him at all times; you people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a hiding-place for us. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>Surely the sons of men are vanity; the sons of men are a lie; they go up in the scales; they are altogether lighter than vanity. <sup>10</sup>Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once; twice I have heard this, that power belongs to God. <sup>12</sup>Also to You, O LORD, belongs mercy; for You give to every man according to his work.

## PSALM 63

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, You are my God; I will seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You, as in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; <sup>2</sup>so I have seen You in the holy place, seeing Your power and Your glory. <sup>3</sup>Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. <sup>4</sup>So I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. <sup>5</sup>My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips, <sup>6</sup>when I remember You on my bed and think of You in the night watches. <sup>7</sup>Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. <sup>8</sup>My soul follows hard after You; Your right hand upholds me. <sup>9</sup>But those who seek my soul,



to destroy it, shall go into the depths of the earth. <sup>10</sup>They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a serving for jackals. <sup>11</sup>But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

#### PSALM 64

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; guard my life from fear of the enemy. <sup>2</sup>Hide me from the secret plans of the wicked, from the rebelling of the workers of iniquity, <sup>3</sup>who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, even poisoned words, <sup>4</sup>so that they may shoot at the blameless one from a lurking place; suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not. <sup>5</sup>They encourage themselves in an evil plan; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who shall see them? <sup>6</sup>They search out injustice, *saying*, We have finished hiding a hidden *plot*. And the inward part of man and *the heart are deep*. <sup>7</sup>But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they shall be wounded. <sup>8</sup>So they shall be confounded; their tongue falls on themselves; everyone seeing them shall flee. <sup>9</sup>And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall in wisdom think of His doing. <sup>10</sup>The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

#### PSALM 65

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm and Song of David.*

<sup>1</sup>To You silence is praise, O God, in Zion; and to You is a vow paid. <sup>2</sup>To You who hears prayer, all flesh comes. <sup>3</sup>Things of iniquity are mightier than I; as for our transgressions, You shall purge them away. <sup>4</sup>Blessed is *the one* whom You choose, and cause to come near You. He shall dwell in Your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple. <sup>5</sup>By awesome things in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation; who are the hope of all the ends of the earth and the sea, of those far away. <sup>6</sup>By Your strength sets fast the mountains, banded together with might; <sup>7</sup>who stills the noise of the sea, the roar of their waves, and the uproar of the people. <sup>8</sup>And the inhabitants of the furthestmost places are afraid of Your signs; You make the beginning of the morning and the evening rejoice. <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it with the river of God, which is full of water; You provide their grain, for in this way You have prepared it. <sup>10</sup>You fill its terraces with water; You deepen its furrows; You make it soft with showers; You bless the sprouting of it. <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drop fatness. <sup>12</sup>They drop on the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills gird themselves *with joy*. <sup>13</sup>The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

#### PSALM 66

*To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. <sup>3</sup>Say to God, How fearful *are* Your works! Through the greatness of Your power, Your enemies pretend obedience to You. <sup>4</sup>All the earth shall worship You, and shall sing to You; they praise Your name. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men. <sup>6</sup>He turns the sea into dry land; they went through the flood on foot; there we rejoiced in Him. <sup>7</sup>He rules by His power forever; His eyes behold the nations; let not the rebels lift themselves up. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>O bless our God, O peoples, and make the voice of His praise to be heard; <sup>9</sup>who holds our soul in life, and does not allow our feet to be moved. <sup>10</sup>For, O God, You have proved us; You have tested us, as silver is refined. <sup>11</sup>You have brought us into the net; You have laid affliction on our loins. <sup>12</sup>You have caused men to ride at our heads; we went through fire and through water; but You bring us out to plenty. <sup>13</sup>I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows, <sup>14</sup>which my lips have uttered, and in my trouble my mouth has spoken. <sup>15</sup>I will offer to You burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah.

<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul. <sup>17</sup>I cried to Him with my mouth, and exaltations *were* under my tongue. <sup>18</sup>If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear; <sup>19</sup>Surely God has heard; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. <sup>20</sup>Blessed *be* God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

### PSALM 67

*To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us, and bless us, *and* cause His face to shine on us. Selah. <sup>2</sup>So that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. <sup>3</sup>Let the people praise You, O God let all the people thank You. <sup>4</sup>O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You shall judge the people righteously and govern the peoples on earth. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>Let the people give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. <sup>6</sup>The earth shall yield its increase; and God, our own God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

### PSALM 68

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; also let those who hate Him flee before Him. <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, You drive *them* away; as wax melts before the fire let the wicked perish in the presence of God. <sup>3</sup>But the righteous *are* glad; they rejoice before God. Yes, let them exceedingly rejoice. <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to His name; praise Him who rides on the heavens by His name JEHOVAH, and rejoice before Him. <sup>5</sup>God *is* the father of the fatherless, and the judge of the widows, in His holy dwelling. <sup>6</sup>God causes the lonely to live at home; He brings out those who are bound with chains; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when You marched before Your people, when You walked through the wilderness; Selah. <sup>8</sup>The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. <sup>9</sup>You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, by which You uphold Your inheritance when it was weary. <sup>10</sup>Your flock has dwelt in it; You, O God, have prepared in Your goodness for the poor.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord gave the word; those who bore it *were* a great army. <sup>12</sup>Kings of armies fled away; and she who stayed at home divided the plunder. <sup>13</sup>When you lie among the sheepfolds, the wings of a dove are covered with silver, and its pinions with the shimmer of gold. <sup>14</sup>When the Almighty scatters kings in it, it snows on *mount* Salmon. <sup>15</sup>The mountain of Bashan *is* God's mountain; the Bashan range *is* a mountain of peaks. <sup>16</sup>Why do you gaze in envy, O mountain range at *the* mountain God has chosen for His resting place? Yes, the LORD will dwell *in it* forever. <sup>17</sup>The chariots of God are myriads; the Lord among them, *in* Sinai, in the holy place. <sup>18</sup>You have gone up on high; You have led captive captive;

You have received gifts for men, yes, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among* them. <sup>19</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD; He daily bears burdens for us, the God of our salvation. Selah.

<sup>20</sup>Our God *is* the God of salvation; and to the LORD *are* the issues of death. <sup>21</sup>Yea, God shall wound the head of His enemies, and the hairy crown of those who go on still in his guilt. <sup>22</sup>The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan; I will bring back *My people* from the depths of the sea; <sup>23</sup>so that your foot may be dipped in the blood of *your* enemies, and the tongue of your dogs in it. <sup>24</sup>They have seen Your goings, O God; the goings of my God, my king, in the holy place. <sup>25</sup>The singers went before, then the musicians *came*; among *them were* the virgins playing the timbrels. <sup>26</sup>O bless God in the congregations, the LORD, from the fountain of Israel. <sup>27</sup>There is little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah and their multitude, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

<sup>28</sup>Your God has commanded your strength; O God, be strong *in* that which You have worked out for us. <sup>29</sup>Because of Your temple in Jerusalem, kings shall bring a present to You. <sup>30</sup>Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds, the herd of bulls, with the calves of the peoples, trampling down with the pieces of silver. He scatters the people who delight in war. <sup>31</sup>Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands to God. <sup>32</sup>Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to the Lord. Selah.

<sup>33</sup>To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens of old; lo, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice. <sup>34</sup>Give strength to God over Israel; His majesty and His strength in the skies. <sup>35</sup>O God, *You are* overwhelming out of Your holy places; the God of Israel *is* He who gives strength and powers to the people. Blessed *be* God.

#### PSALM 69

*To the Chief Musician. Concerning the Lilies. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God! for the waters have come in on *my* soul. <sup>2</sup>I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing; I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. <sup>3</sup>I am weary from my crying; my throat is dried; my eyes fail while I wait for my God. <sup>4</sup>They who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; they who would destroy me are mighty, my lying enemies. Then I restored what I did not take away.

<sup>5</sup>O God, You know my foolishness; and my guiltiness *is* not hidden from You. <sup>6</sup>Do not let those who wait on You, O LORD God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake; let not the ones who seek You be ashamed for my sake, O God of Israel, <sup>7</sup>because I have borne reproach for Your sake, shame has covered my face. <sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my brothers, and a foreigner to my mother's children. <sup>9</sup>For the zeal of Your house has eaten me up; and the reproaches of those who reproached You have fallen on me. <sup>10</sup>When I humbled my soul with fasting, it turned to my reproach. <sup>11</sup>I also made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a proverb to them. <sup>12</sup>They who sit in the gate speak against me; and *I was* the song of the drunkards. <sup>13</sup>But *as for* me, my prayer *is* to You, O LORD, in a pleasing time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy hear me, in the truth of Your salvation. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. <sup>15</sup>Do not let the flood of waters overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

<sup>16</sup>Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving-kindness *is* good; turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. <sup>17</sup>And hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in trouble; hear me quickly. <sup>18</sup>Draw near my soul, and redeem it; deliver me because of my enemies. <sup>19</sup>You have known my reproach, and my

shame, and my dishonor; my enemies *are* all before You. <sup>20</sup>Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to mourn with me, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none. <sup>21</sup>They also gave me gall for my food; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. <sup>22</sup>Let their table become a snare before them; and to those at ease a trap. <sup>23</sup>Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; and make their loins shake without ceasing. <sup>24</sup>Pour out Your wrath on them, and let the glow of Your anger take hold of them. <sup>25</sup>Let their dwelling be wasted; let none dwell in their tents. <sup>26</sup>For they persecute him whom You have stricken, and they talk to the grief of those You pierced. <sup>27</sup>Add iniquity to their iniquity; and let them not come into Your righteousness. <sup>28</sup>Let them be blotted out of the Book of Life, and not be written with the righteous.

<sup>29</sup>But *I am* poor and sorrowful; let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. <sup>30</sup>I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. <sup>31</sup>This also shall please the LORD better than an ox, *or* a bull that has horns and hoofs. <sup>32</sup>The humble shall see *and* be glad; and your heart shall live, you who seek God. <sup>33</sup>For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise His prisoners. <sup>34</sup>Let the heavens and earth praise Him, the seas, and everything that moves in them. <sup>35</sup>For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah; so that they may dwell there, and possess it. <sup>36</sup>And the seed of His servants shall inherit it, and they who love His name shall dwell in it.

#### PSALM 70

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.*

<sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD. <sup>2</sup>Let them be ashamed and turned pale, those who seek after my soul; let them be turned backward and blush, those who desire my hurt. <sup>3</sup>Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, those who say, Aha, aha! <sup>4</sup>Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation say without ending, Let God be magnified. <sup>5</sup>But *I am* poor and needy; make haste to me, O God; You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, wait no longer!

#### PSALM 71

<sup>1</sup>In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame. <sup>2</sup>Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; bow down Your ear to me, and save me. <sup>3</sup>Be a rock of refuge for me, to which I may always go; You have commanded to save me; for You *are* my Rock and my Fortress. <sup>4</sup>Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. <sup>5</sup>For You *are* my hope, O Lord God, my trust from my youth. <sup>6</sup>On You I have rested from the womb; You are He who took me out of my mother's bowels; my praise always *shall be* of You. <sup>7</sup>I am like a wonder to many, but You *are* my strong tower. <sup>8</sup>Let my mouth be filled *with* Your praise, and *with* Your honor all the day.

<sup>9</sup>Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength fails. <sup>10</sup>For my enemies speak against me; and those who watch for my soul plot together, <sup>11</sup>saying, God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him. <sup>12</sup>O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste for my help. <sup>13</sup>Let them be ashamed; let those who are enemies of my soul be consumed; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor, those who seek my hurt. <sup>14</sup>But I will always hope, and will yet praise You more and more. <sup>15</sup>My mouth shall show forth Your righteousness, Your salvation all the day; for I do not know how many they are. <sup>16</sup>I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will speak of Your righteousness, of Yours alone. <sup>17</sup>O God, You have taught me from my youth; and before now I

have declared Your wonderful works. <sup>18</sup>And now when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not leave me; until I have declared Your strength to *this* generation, and Your power to everyone who is to come.

<sup>19</sup>And Your righteousness, O God, *is* very high, who have done great things. O God, who *is* like You, <sup>20</sup>who have shown me great and evil troubles. You will turn *me*. You will make me live. You will turn me from the depths of the earth; You will bring me up. <sup>21</sup>You will increase my greatness and comfort me on every side. <sup>22</sup>I will also praise You with a harp. O my God, I will sing Your truth, to You I will sing with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. <sup>23</sup>My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed. <sup>24</sup>My tongue also shall muse on Your righteousness all the day long; for those who seek my evil have turned pale, they are brought to shame.

## PSALM 72

### *A Psalm of Solomon.*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's son. <sup>2</sup>He will judge Your people in righteousness, and Your poor with judgment. <sup>3</sup>The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills by righteousness. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge the poor of the people; He shall save the children of the needy, and shall crush in pieces the cruel one. <sup>5</sup>They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. <sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. <sup>7</sup>In His days the righteous shall flourish; and abundance of peace, until the moon *is* not. <sup>8</sup>He shall also have the rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. <sup>9</sup>Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him; and His enemies shall lick the dust. <sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. <sup>11</sup>Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. <sup>12</sup>For He shall deliver the needy when he cries; and the poor *with* no helper. <sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. <sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and their blood shall be precious in His sight.

<sup>15</sup>And He shall live, and to Him shall be given the gold of Sheba; and prayer shall always be made for Him; He shall bless Him all the day long. <sup>16</sup>There shall be a fullness of grain in the earth on the top of the mountains; its fruit shall shake like Lebanon; and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. <sup>17</sup>His name shall endure forever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. <sup>19</sup>And blessed *be* His glorious name forever; and all the earth *is* filled with His glory! Amen and amen.

<sup>20</sup>The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

## PSALM 73

### *A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>Truly God *is* good to Israel, to the pure of heart. <sup>2</sup>And I, my foot had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. <sup>3</sup>For I was jealous of the proud, when I saw the peace of the wicked. <sup>4</sup>For there are no bands in their death; but their strength *is* fat. <sup>5</sup>They are not in trouble like other men; neither are they plagued like other men. <sup>6</sup>Therefore pride enchains them; violence covers them *like* a robe. <sup>7</sup>Their eyes stand out with fatness; they have more than the heart could imagine. <sup>8</sup>They scoff and speak in malice *of* cruelty; from on high they speak. <sup>9</sup>They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walks through the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore His people return here, and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them. <sup>11</sup>And they say, How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High? <sup>12</sup>Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who are at ease in the world; they increase in riches.

<sup>13</sup>Surely I have made my heart pure in vain, and washed my hands in innocence. <sup>14</sup>For all the day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning. <sup>15</sup>If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I would deceive a generation of Your sons. <sup>16</sup>When I thought deeply in order to understand this, it was too painful for me, <sup>17</sup>until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. <sup>18</sup>Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down into ruin. <sup>19</sup>How have they been brought into grief, as in a moment! They are fully eaten up with terrors, <sup>20</sup>like a dream when one awakens; so, O LORD, when You awake, You shall despise their image. <sup>21</sup>For my heart was grieved and I was pricked *in* my heart. <sup>22</sup>So foolish was I, and I did not know; I was *like* a beast before You. <sup>23</sup>But I *am* always with You; You have held me by my right hand. <sup>24</sup>You shall lead me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory. <sup>25</sup>Whom have I in Heaven? And besides You I desire none on earth. <sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart fail; but God *is* the strength of my heart, and my part forever. <sup>27</sup>For lo, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all who go lusting away from You. <sup>28</sup>And I, it *is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the LORD God, to declare all Your works.

#### PSALM 74

##### *An Instruction of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, have You cast *us* off forever? Will Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? <sup>2</sup>Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, the rod of Your inheritance which You have redeemed; this mount Zion in which You have dwelt. <sup>3</sup>Lift up Your feet to the never-ending ruins; even all that *the* enemy has done wickedly in the sanctuary. <sup>4</sup>Your enemies roar in the midst of Your congregation; they set up their own banners *for* signs. <sup>5</sup>He is known as *one* bringing axes on high, on the thick trees. <sup>6</sup>And now all its carvings too, they break down with axes and hammers. <sup>7</sup>They have cast fire into Your sanctuary; they have defiled the dwelling-place of Your name to the ground. <sup>8</sup>They said in their hearts, Suppress them together; they have burned up all God's meeting-places in the land. <sup>9</sup>We did not see our signs; there is no prophet any more; neither is there among us, *any* who knows how long. <sup>10</sup>O God, how long shall the enemy speak evil? Shall the enemy blaspheme Your name forever? <sup>11</sup>Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? Draw it out of Your bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For God *is* my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth, <sup>13</sup>You divide the sea by Your strength; You break the heads of the whales in the waters. <sup>14</sup>You break the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gave him to be food to the people living in the wilderness. <sup>15</sup>You divide the fountain and the flood; You dry up mighty rivers. <sup>16</sup>The day *is* Yours, the night also *is* Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun. <sup>17</sup>You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter. <sup>18</sup>Remember this, the enemy has cursed, O LORD, and the foolish people have blasphemed Your name. <sup>19</sup>Do not deliver the soul of Your turtle dove to the multitude; forget not the congregation of Your poor forever. <sup>20</sup>Look to the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the houses of evil. <sup>21</sup>Oh let not the ill-treated ones return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise Your name. <sup>22</sup>Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; remember how the foolish man curses

You daily. <sup>23</sup>Forget not the voice of Your enemies; the noise of those who rise up against You keeps on increasing.

### PSALM 75

*To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>To You, O God, we give thanks, to You we give thanks; for Your name is near, Your wonderful works declared. <sup>2</sup>When I take the appointed time, I will judge uprightly. <sup>3</sup>The earth and all its people are melting away; I hold up its pillars. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>I said to the proud, Do not boast; and to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn; <sup>5</sup>do not lift up your horn on high; nor speak with a stiff neck. <sup>6</sup>For lifting up comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. <sup>7</sup>But God is the judge; He puts down one and sets up another. <sup>8</sup>For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed; and He pours out from it; but the dregs of it, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out and all drink. <sup>9</sup>But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. <sup>10</sup>Also I will cut off all the horns of the wicked; but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

### PSALM 76

*To the Chief Musician. For stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>God is known in Judah, His name is great in Israel. <sup>2</sup>And His abode is in Salem; and His dwelling-place in Zion. <sup>3</sup>There He broke the fiery arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>You are more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey. <sup>5</sup>The stouthearted have been stripped; they slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands. <sup>6</sup>By Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the horse and the chariot have sunk into a sleep. <sup>7</sup>You, even You, are terrifying, and who can stand when once You are angry? <sup>8</sup>You cause judgment to be heard from Heaven; the earth feared and was still, <sup>9</sup>when God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

<sup>10</sup>Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; the wrath that is left, You shall bind up. <sup>11</sup>Vow, and pay to the LORD your God; let all that are around Him bring presents to the Fearful One. <sup>12</sup>He shall cut off the spirit in princes; He is feared by the kings of the earth.

### PSALM 77

*To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>I cried to God with my voice, to God is my voice; and He gave ear to me. <sup>2</sup>In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD; my hand was poured in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted. <sup>3</sup>I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit fainted. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>You keep my eyes awake; I am troubled and I cannot speak. <sup>5</sup>I have thought on the days of old, the years of ages past. <sup>6</sup>I remember my song in the night; I speak with my own heart, and my spirit carefully searches. <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? <sup>8</sup>Is His mercy gone forever? Has His anger failed for all generations? <sup>9</sup>Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah.

<sup>10</sup>And I said, This is my weakness, the years of the right hand of the Most High. <sup>11</sup>I will remember the works of the LORD; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. <sup>12</sup>I will also think on all Your work, and talk of Your doings. <sup>13</sup>Your way, O God, is in holiness; who is so great a God as our God? <sup>14</sup>You are the God who

does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the people. <sup>15</sup>You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

<sup>16</sup>The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You; they were afraid; the depths also were troubled. <sup>17</sup>The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flew here and there. <sup>18</sup>The voice of Your thunder was in the sky; the lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. <sup>19</sup>Your way *is* in the sea, and Your path in the great waters, and Your footsteps are not known. <sup>20</sup>You lead Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### PSALM 78

#### *An instruction of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my law; bow down your ears to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will speak dark sayings of old, <sup>3</sup>which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide *them* from their sons, showing to the generations to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He has done. <sup>5</sup>For He set up a testimony in Jacob, and ordered a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should teach them to their sons; <sup>6</sup>so that the generation to come might know; sons shall be born, *and* they shall arise and tell their sons, <sup>7</sup>so that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments; <sup>8</sup>and might not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set their heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful with God. <sup>9</sup>The sons of Ephraim *were* bowmen, *yet they* turned back in the day of battle. <sup>10</sup>They did not keep the covenant of God, and refused to walk in His law. <sup>11</sup>And they forgot His works and His wonders which He had shown them. <sup>12</sup>He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in the field of Zoan.*

<sup>13</sup>He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; and He made the waters to stand in a heap. <sup>14</sup>And in the daytime He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. <sup>15</sup>He split the rocks in the wilderness, and let them drink, as *from* the great depths. <sup>16</sup>He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. <sup>17</sup>And they sinned still more against Him, by provoking the Most High in the wilderness. <sup>18</sup>And they tempted God in their heart by asking food for their lust. <sup>19</sup>And they spoke against God; they said, Can God set a table in the wilderness? <sup>20</sup>Behold! He struck the rock so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He also give bread? Can He provide flesh for His people? <sup>21</sup>Therefore the LORD heard, and was angry; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel, <sup>22</sup>because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His salvation; <sup>23</sup>though He had commanded the clouds from above, and had opened the doors of the heavens; <sup>24</sup>and had rained down manna on them to eat, and had given them of the grain of the heavens. <sup>25</sup>Man ate the food of the mighty; He sent them meat to the full. <sup>26</sup>He caused an east *wind* to blow in the sky; and by His power He brought in the south *wind*. <sup>27</sup>He also rained flesh on them like dust, and feathered birds like the sand of the sea; <sup>28</sup>and He let *it* fall in the middle of their camp, all around their dwelling-places. <sup>29</sup>So they ate, and were filled to the full; for He gave them their own desire. <sup>30</sup>They were not turned away from their lust, but while their food *was* still in their mouths, <sup>31</sup>the wrath of God came on them and killed the fattest of them, and struck down the chosen of Israel.

<sup>32</sup>For all this they still sinned, and did not believe because of His wonderful works. <sup>33</sup>Therefore He ended their days in vanity and their years in trouble. <sup>34</sup>When He killed them, then they looked for Him; and they turned back and



sought after God.<sup>35</sup> And they remembered that God was their rock, and the Most High God was their redeemer.<sup>36</sup> But they flattered Him with their mouths, and they lied to Him with their tongues.<sup>37</sup> For their heart was not right with Him, neither were they faithful in His covenant.<sup>38</sup> But He, full of pity, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; yea, many times He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath.<sup>39</sup> For He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes away and does not come again.

<sup>40</sup>How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert! <sup>41</sup>Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and set limits to the Holy One of Israel. <sup>42</sup>They did not remember His hand, the day when He delivered them from the enemy; <sup>43</sup>how He had set His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the fields of Zoan. <sup>44</sup>He turned their rivers into blood, and their floods, so that they could not drink. <sup>45</sup>He sent different kinds of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. <sup>46</sup>He also gave their crops to the stripping locust, and their labor to the locust. <sup>47</sup>He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost. <sup>48</sup>He gave up their cattle to the hail, and their flocks to bolts of fire. <sup>49</sup>He sent on them the heat of His anger, wrath and fury and trouble, by sending evil angels. <sup>50</sup>He made a way to His anger; He did not save their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague, <sup>51</sup>and struck all the first-born in Egypt, the first of the strong in the tents of Ham; <sup>52</sup>and led His people forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. <sup>53</sup>And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear; but the sea flooded over their enemies. <sup>54</sup>And He brought them within His own holy borders, this mountain, which His right hand had bought. <sup>55</sup>He also cast out the nations before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. <sup>56</sup>Yet they tempted and provoked the Most High God, and kept not His testimonies; <sup>57</sup>but they turned back, and acted unfaithfully like their fathers; they were turned aside like a deceiving bow. <sup>58</sup>For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, and moved Him to jealousy with their carved images. <sup>59</sup>When God heard, He was angry, and turned away from Israel; <sup>60</sup>so that He left the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which He placed among men, <sup>61</sup>and delivered His strength into captivity, and His glory into the enemy's hands. <sup>62</sup>He also gave His people over to the sword, and was angry with His inheritance. <sup>63</sup>The fire burned up their young men; and their maidens were not given in marriage. <sup>64</sup>Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows were not able to weep.

<sup>65</sup>Then the Lord awakened like one out of sleep, like a mighty man rejoicing with wine. <sup>66</sup>And He drove His enemies backward; He put them to a never-ending shame. <sup>67</sup>And He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim; <sup>68</sup>but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which He loved. <sup>69</sup>And He built His holy place like high palaces, like the earth which He has founded forever. <sup>70</sup>He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; <sup>71</sup>from following the ewes great with young He brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. <sup>72</sup>And he fed them according to the pureness of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

#### PSALM 79

##### *A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; they have defiled Your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps. <sup>2</sup>They have given the dead bodies of Your servants as food for the birds of the heavens, the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth. <sup>3</sup>They have shed their blood like water round about Jerusalem; and none to bury. <sup>4</sup>We have become a shame to our neighbors, a scorn

and mockery to those who are around us. <sup>5</sup>How long, O LORD? Will You be angry forever? Shall Your jealousy burn like fire? <sup>6</sup>Pour out Your wrath on the nations who have not known You, and on the kingdoms who have not called on Your name. <sup>7</sup>For *they have* eaten up Jacob, and wasted his dwelling-place. <sup>8</sup>O do not remember against us our former sins; let Your tender mercies meet us quickly; for we are brought very low. <sup>9</sup>Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake.

<sup>10</sup>Why should the nations say, Where *is* their God? Let Him be known among the nations before our eyes by the revenging of the blood of Your servants *which is* shed. <sup>11</sup>Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power, leave a remnant of those who are to die, <sup>12</sup>and give to our neighbors their curse sevenfold into their bosom, the curse with which they have cursed You, O Lord. <sup>13</sup>Then we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth Your praise to all generations.

### PSALM 80

*To the Chief Musician. A Testimony Concerning the Lilies. A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You dwelling *between* the cherubs, shine forth. <sup>2</sup>Stir up Your strength before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, and come, save us. <sup>3</sup>Turn us again, O God, and cause Your face to shine; and we shall be saved! <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people? <sup>5</sup>You feed them with the bread of tears; and give them tears to drink in *great* measure. <sup>6</sup>You make us a target for our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup>Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause Your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup>You cleared before it, and caused it to take deep root; and it filled the land. <sup>10</sup>The hills were covered *with* its shadow, and its boughs *were as* the beautiful cedars. <sup>11</sup>It sent out its boughs to the sea, and its branches to the river. <sup>12</sup>Why have You broken down its hedges, so that all those who pass by the way pluck it? <sup>13</sup>The boar out of the wood wastes it, and the wild beast of the field eats it. <sup>14</sup>Return, we beg You, O God of hosts; look down from Heaven, and behold, and visit this vine, <sup>15</sup>and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You make strong for Yourself. <sup>16</sup>*It is* burned with fire, *and* cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your holy face. <sup>17</sup>Let Your hand be on the Man of Your right hand, on the Son of man *whom* You have made strong for Yourself. <sup>18</sup>So we will not go back from You; make us live, and we will call on Your name.

<sup>19</sup>Turn us again, O LORD God of Hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved.

### PSALM 81

*To the Chief Musician. On Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>Lift up a psalm, and bring the timbrel *here*, the pleasing lyre and harp. <sup>3</sup>Blow the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. <sup>4</sup>For this was a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. <sup>5</sup>This He ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when He went out over the land of Egypt; I heard a language I understood not. <sup>6</sup>I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were delivered from the pots. <sup>7</sup>You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>Hear, O My people, and I will testify to you; O Israel, if you will listen to Me, <sup>9</sup>there shall be no strange god in you; nor shall you worship any strange god. <sup>10</sup>I

am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. <sup>11</sup>But My people would not listen to My voice; and Israel would have none of Me. <sup>12</sup>So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their own hearts; and they walked in their own purposes. <sup>13</sup>Oh that My people had listened to Me, and Israel had walked in My ways! <sup>14</sup>I would soon have humbled their enemies, and would have turned My hand against their foes. <sup>15</sup>The haters of the LORD would have been found liars to Him, and their time would have lasted forever. <sup>16</sup>And He would have fed them also with the finest of the wheat; and with honey out of the rock I would have satisfied you.

## PSALM 82

*A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>God stands in the congregation of God; in the midst of the gods He judges. <sup>2</sup>How long will you judge unjustly and lift up the faces of the wicked? Selah.

<sup>3</sup>Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. <sup>4</sup>Deliver the poor and needy; save them out of the hand of the wicked. <sup>5</sup>They neither know nor will understand; they walk on in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>6</sup>I have said, You are gods; and all of you sons of the Most High. <sup>7</sup>But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. <sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit in all nations.

## PSALM 83

*A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>Keep not silence, O God; do not be speechless, and be not still, O God. <sup>2</sup>For lo, Your enemies roar; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. <sup>3</sup>They take shrewd counsel against Your people, and plot against Your hidden ones. <sup>4</sup>They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, so that the name Israel may be remembered no more. <sup>5</sup>For with one heart they have plotted together; they have made a covenant against You — <sup>6</sup>the tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarites; <sup>7</sup>Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the people of Tyre; <sup>8</sup>and Assyria has joined with them; they have helped the sons of Lot. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the torrent Kishon; <sup>10</sup>who perished at Endor; they became as dung for the earth. <sup>11</sup>Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb; yea, all their princes like Zebah, and like Zalmunna; <sup>12</sup>who said, Let us take possession for ourselves of the houses of God.

<sup>13</sup>O my God, make them like a wheel; like the stubble before the wind. <sup>14</sup>As the fire burns a forest, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, <sup>15</sup>so pursue them with Your tempest, and make them afraid with Your storm. <sup>16</sup>Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O LORD. <sup>17</sup>Let them be ashamed and troubled forever; yea, let them be put to shame, and lost; <sup>18</sup>so that men may know that Your name is JEHOVAH, that You alone are the Most High over all the earth.

## PSALM 84

*To the Chief Musician. On Gittith. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>How lovely are Your tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yea, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh shout for joy to the living God. <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are they who dwell in Your house; they will still praise You. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is the man whose strength is in You; in whose heart are Your ways. <sup>6</sup>Passing through the valley of weeping, they will make it a fountain; blessing cover the early rain. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength, appearing in Zion before God. <sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, O God, our shield, and look on the face of Your anointed. <sup>10</sup>For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You.

#### PSALM 85

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You have been gracious to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sins. Selah.

<sup>3</sup>You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the heat of Your anger. <sup>4</sup>Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease. <sup>5</sup>Will You be angry with us forever? Will You draw out Your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup>Will You not give us life again, so that Your people may rejoice in You? <sup>7</sup>Show us Your mercy, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>I will hear what God the LORD will speak; for He will speak peace to His people, and to His saints; but let them not turn again to folly. <sup>9</sup>Surely His salvation is near those that fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. <sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from Heaven. <sup>12</sup>Yea, the LORD shall give good; and our land shall yield its increase. <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall set us in the way of His steps.

#### PSALM 86

*A Prayer of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; for I am poor and needy. <sup>2</sup>Preserve my soul; for I am holy; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You. <sup>3</sup>Be merciful to me, O Lord; for I cry to You daily. <sup>4</sup>Give joy to the soul of Your servant; for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>5</sup>For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive; and rich in mercy to all those who call on You. <sup>6</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my prayers. <sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I will call on You; for You will answer me. <sup>8</sup>Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor like Your works. <sup>9</sup>All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. <sup>10</sup>For You are great, and do wonderful things; You alone are God.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; my heart rejoices to fear Your name. <sup>12</sup>I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. <sup>13</sup>For great is Your mercy toward me; and You have delivered my soul from the lowest hell. <sup>14</sup>O God, the proud have risen against me, and the company of violent men have sought after my life, and have not set You before them. <sup>15</sup>But You, O God, are a God full of pity, and gracious, long-suffering, and rich in mercy and truth. <sup>16</sup>Oh turn to me, and have mercy on me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your handmaid. <sup>17</sup>Show me a token for good, so that they who hate me may see and be ashamed; because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## PSALM 87

*A Psalm for the sons of Korah, A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>His foundation is in the holy mountains. <sup>2</sup>The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. <sup>3</sup>Glorious things *are* spoken of you, O city of God. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>I will mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know me; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there. <sup>5</sup>And to Zion it shall be said, *This* man and *that* man was born in her; and the Highest shall establish her. <sup>6</sup>The LORD shall count, in recording the peoples, that this *man* was born there. Selah.

<sup>7</sup>And the singers, the players of the pipe; all my springs *are* in You!

## PSALM 88

*A Song. A Psalm for the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. On Mahalath, to make humble. A Poem of Heman the Ezrahite.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before You. <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer come before You; bow down Your ear to my cry. <sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles; and my life draws near the grave. <sup>4</sup>I am counted with those who go down to the Pit; I am like a feeble man; <sup>5</sup>free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom You remember no more; and by Your hand they are cut off. <sup>6</sup>You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. <sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies hard on me, and You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves. Selah.

<sup>8</sup>You have taken my friends away from me; You have made me a hateful thing to them. *I am* shut up, and I cannot go out. <sup>9</sup>My eye mourns because of affliction; O LORD, I have called daily on You; I have stretched out my hands to You. <sup>10</sup>For will You do wonders to the dead? Shall the dead rise *and* praise You? Selah.

<sup>11</sup>Shall Your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in ruin? <sup>12</sup>Shall Your wonders be known in the dark, and Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? <sup>13</sup>But to You I have cried, O LORD; and in the morning my prayer shall go before You. <sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do You cast off my soul? *Why* do You hide Your face from me? <sup>15</sup>*I am* afflicted and ready to die from my youth up; while I suffer Your terrors, I pine away. <sup>16</sup>Your fierce wrath goes over me; Your terrors have cut me off. <sup>17</sup>They surrounded me like waters all the day long; they have come together around me. <sup>18</sup>You have taken lover and friend far from me, and those who know me *into* darkness.

## PSALM 89

*A Poem of Ethan the Ezrahite.*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup>For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; You shall establish Your faithfulness in the heavens. <sup>3</sup>I have cut a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, <sup>4</sup>Your seed will I establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations. Selah.

<sup>5</sup>And the heavens shall praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. <sup>6</sup>For who in the sky *can be* compared to the LORD? *Who* among the sons of the mighty can be compared to the LORD? <sup>7</sup>God is greatly to be feared in the congregation of the saints, and to be adored by all around Him. <sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like You? And Your faithfulness *is* round about You? <sup>9</sup>You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves arise, You still them. <sup>10</sup>You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your strong arm. <sup>11</sup>The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; You have founded the world and its fullness. <sup>12</sup>The

north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Your name. <sup>13</sup>You have a mighty arm; Your hand is strong, and Your right hand is high. <sup>14</sup>Justice and judgment *are* the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth shall go before Your face. <sup>15</sup>Blessed *is* the people that knows the joyful sound; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face. <sup>16</sup>In Your name they shall rejoice all the day; and in Your righteousness they shall be lifted up. <sup>17</sup>For You *are* the glory of their strength; and in Your favor our horn shall be lifted up. <sup>18</sup>For the LORD *is* our shield and our king is the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>19</sup>Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, and You said, I have laid help on a mighty one; I have lifted up a chosen one out of the people. <sup>20</sup>I have found David, My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him. <sup>21</sup>My hand shall be always with him; My arm also shall make him strong. <sup>22</sup>The enemy shall not use force on him, nor the son of wickedness afflict him. <sup>23</sup>And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague those who hate him. <sup>24</sup>But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him; and in My name his horn shall be lifted up. <sup>25</sup>I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. <sup>26</sup>He shall cry to Me, You *are* my God, and the rock of my salvation. <sup>27</sup>And I will make him My first-born, higher than the kings of the earth. <sup>28</sup>I will keep My mercy for him forever, and My covenant shall stand fast with him. <sup>29</sup>Also I have set his seed forever, and his throne as the days of the heavens. <sup>30</sup>If his children forsake My law, and do not walk in My judgments; <sup>31</sup>if they profane My statutes, and do not keep My commandments; <sup>32</sup>then I will visit their wickedness with the rod, and their sin with stripes. <sup>33</sup>But I will not completely take My loving-kindness from him, and I will not be false in My faithfulness. <sup>34</sup>I will not break My covenant, nor change the thing that has gone out of My lips. <sup>35</sup>Once I have sworn by My holiness that I will not lie to David. <sup>36</sup>His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. <sup>37</sup>It shall be established forever like the moon, and like a faithful witness in the heavens. Selah.

<sup>38</sup>But You have cast *us* off and turned away; You have been angry with Your anointed. <sup>39</sup>You have turned away from the covenant of Your servant; You have defiled his crown to the ground. <sup>40</sup>You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin. <sup>41</sup>All who pass by the way plunder him; he is a curse to his neighbors. <sup>42</sup>You have set up the right hand of his enemies; You have made all *his* enemies rejoice. <sup>43</sup>You also have turned back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand in the battle. <sup>44</sup>You have made his glory to cease, and have thrown his throne down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him *with* shame. Selah.

<sup>46</sup>How long, LORD? Will You hide Yourself forever? Shall Your wrath burn like fire? <sup>47</sup>Remember how short *my* time is; why have You made all men in vain? <sup>48</sup>What man lives and never sees death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

<sup>49</sup>O Lord, where *are* Your former loving-kindnesses *which* You swore to David in Your truth? <sup>50</sup>Remember, Lord, the scorn of Your servants; how I bear in my bosom the insult of all the mighty people, <sup>51</sup>*with* which Your enemies have cursed, O LORD; *with* which they have cursed the footsteps of Your anointed.

<sup>52</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD forevermore. Amen and Amen.

#### PSALM 90

*A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You have been our dwelling-place in all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You *are* God. <sup>3</sup>You turn man to lowliness,

and say, Return, sons of men. <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in Your sight *are* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup>You carry them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep; in the morning *they are* like grass which grows up. <sup>6</sup>In the morning it sprouts and shoots up; in the evening it is cut down, and dries up. <sup>7</sup>For we are burned up by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are troubled. <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your face. <sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years as a murmur. <sup>10</sup>The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by strength they are fourscore years, yet their pride *is* labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup>Who knows the power of Your anger? And as Your fear *is*, so *is* Your wrath. <sup>12</sup>So teach *us* to number our days, so that we may bring a heart of wisdom. <sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD! How long? And give pity to Your servants. <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us early with Your mercy, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad according to the days of our affliction, the years in which we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup>Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their sons. <sup>17</sup>And let the beauty of the LORD our God be on us; and establish the work of our hands on us; yea, the work of our hands, establish it.

### PSALM 91

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall rest under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him I will trust. <sup>3</sup>Surely He will deliver you from the fowler's trap and from the destroying plague. <sup>4</sup>He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall trust. His truth *shall be* your shield, and buckler. <sup>5</sup>You shall not fear the terror by night; nor because of the arrow *that* flies by day; <sup>6</sup>nor for the plague *that* walks in darkness, of the plague that lays waste at noonday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. <sup>8</sup>Only with your eyes you shall look and see the reward of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because You, O LORD, *are* my refuge, You have made the Most High Your dwelling-place; <sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall You, nor shall any plague come near Your dwelling. <sup>11</sup>For He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep you in all Your ways. <sup>12</sup>They shall bear You up in *their* hands, lest You dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You shall tread on the lion and adder; the young lion and the jackal You shall trample underfoot. <sup>14</sup>Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set Him on high, because He has known My name. <sup>15</sup>He shall call on Me, and I will answer Him; I *will be* with Him in trouble; I will deliver Him, and honor Him. <sup>16</sup>*With* long life I will satisfy Him, and show Him My salvation.

### PSALM 92

*A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup>to show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night; <sup>3</sup>on an instrument of ten *strings*, and on the harp, on the harp with deep thought. <sup>4</sup>For You, LORD, have made Me glad with Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands. <sup>5</sup>O LORD, Your purposes are very deep. How great are Your works! <sup>6</sup>A beastly man does not know; nor does a fool understand this. <sup>7</sup>When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity blossom, *it is* that they shall be destroyed forever; <sup>8</sup>but You, LORD, *are* high forever. <sup>9</sup>For, lo, Your enemies, O LORD; for lo, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. <sup>10</sup>But You shall lift up my horn as the wild ox; and I shall be anointed with fresh oil. <sup>11</sup>Also my eye shall see *my desire* on my enemies, and my ears shall hear the wicked who rise up

against me. <sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup>Those that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup>They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flowering; <sup>15</sup>to show that the LORD is upright; *He is my rock, and no unrighteousness is in Him.*

#### PSALM 93

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength. He clothed Himself and the world is established; it shall not be shaken. <sup>2</sup>Your throne *is* established of old; O LORD. You *are* from everlasting. <sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voices; the floods lift up their waves. <sup>4</sup>The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *than* the mighty waves of the sea. <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure; holiness becomes Your house forever, O LORD.

#### PSALM 94

<sup>1</sup>O LORD God, God of vengeance, shine forth! <sup>2</sup>Lift up Yourself, Judge of the earth; give a just repayment to the proud. <sup>3</sup>LORD, how long *shall* the wicked triumph? <sup>4</sup>They gush; they speak impudent things; the workers of iniquity speak proudly. <sup>5</sup>They crush Your people, O LORD, and afflict Your inheritance. <sup>6</sup>They kill the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. <sup>7</sup>Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, nor shall the God of Jacob observe *it*. <sup>8</sup>Understand, you beastly ones among the people; and fools, when will you be wise? <sup>9</sup>He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? <sup>10</sup>He who chastens the nations, shall He not correct — He who teaches man knowledge?

<sup>11</sup>The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* vain. <sup>12</sup>Blessed *is* the man whom You chasten, O LORD, to teach him out of Your law; <sup>13</sup>that You may give him rest from the days of trouble, until the pit is dug for the wicked. <sup>14</sup>For the LORD will not cast off His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance. <sup>15</sup>But judgment shall return to righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall follow *it*. <sup>16</sup>Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? <sup>17</sup>Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. <sup>18</sup>When I said, My foot slips; Your mercy, O LORD, held me up. <sup>19</sup>In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your comforts delight my soul. <sup>20</sup>Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship *with* You, which frames mischief by a law? <sup>21</sup>They gather themselves against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. <sup>22</sup>But the LORD is my defense; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge. <sup>23</sup>And He will bring on them their own iniquity, and He will cut them off in their evil. The LORD our God shall cut them off.

#### PSALM 95

<sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup>Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills *is* also His. <sup>5</sup>The sea *is* His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker. <sup>7</sup>For He *is* our God, and we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup>harden not your heart, as in the day they provoked Me, as in the day of testing in the wilderness; <sup>9</sup>when your fathers tempted Me, tested Me, and saw My work. <sup>10</sup>For forty years I was grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and



they have not known My ways; <sup>11</sup>to whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.

### PSALM 96

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup>Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the nations *are* idols; but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty *are* before Him; strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary. <sup>7</sup>Give to the LORD, O families of the people; give to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup>Give to the LORD the glory due to His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. <sup>9</sup>O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, the LORD reigns; and the world shall be established; it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness. <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness of it. <sup>12</sup>Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; then shall all the trees of the forest rejoice <sup>13</sup>before the LORD; for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

### PSALM 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad. <sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness *are* round about Him; righteousness and judgment *are* the foundation of His throne. <sup>3</sup>A fire goes before Him and burns up His enemies round about. <sup>4</sup>His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw and trembled. <sup>5</sup>The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth. <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory. <sup>7</sup>All those who serve graven images are ashamed, those who boast themselves in idols; all gods bow down before Him. <sup>8</sup>Zion heard and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD. <sup>9</sup>For You, LORD, *are* high above all the earth; You *are* lifted on high far above all gods. <sup>10</sup>You who love the LORD, hate evil; He keeps the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. <sup>11</sup>Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, righteous ones; and give thanks at the memory of His holiness.

### PSALMS 98

#### *A Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song; for He has done marvelous things; His right hand, and His holy arm, has saved for Him. <sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has unveiled to the eyes of the nations. <sup>3</sup>He has remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our GOD. <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; breakout, and rejoice, and sing praise. <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and sound of a horn make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap *their* hands; let the hills be joyful together <sup>9</sup>before the LORD; for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the people in uprightness.

### PSALM 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble. *He sits on* the cherubs; let the earth quake <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; and He is high above all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise Your great and fearful name; it is holy. <sup>4</sup>The king's strength also loved judgment; You established uprightness, judgment and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Praise the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel among those who called on His name; they called on the LORD, and He answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept His testimonies and the ordinance that He gave them. <sup>8</sup>You answered them, O LORD our God; You were a God who forgave them, though You take vengeance for their deeds. <sup>9</sup>Praise the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

#### PSALM 100

##### *A Psalm of praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands. <sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him, and bless His name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations.

#### PSALM 101

##### *A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of mercy and judgment; to You, O LORD, I will sing praise. <sup>2</sup>I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. <sup>3</sup>I will set no wicked thing before my eyes. I have hated the work of those who turn aside; it shall not hold on to me. <sup>4</sup>A wicked heart shall depart from me; I will not know the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, I will cut him off; him who has a high look and a proud heart, I will not allow. <sup>6</sup>My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, so that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a perfect way, he shall serve Me. <sup>7</sup>He who works falsely shall not dwell within my house; he who tells lies shall not stay in my sight. <sup>8</sup>I will early destroy all the wicked of the land, so that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

#### PSALM 102

*A prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come to You. <sup>2</sup>Hide not Your face from me in the day when I am in trouble; bow down Your ear to me; in the day I call, answer me quickly. <sup>3</sup>For my days go up like smoke, and my bones glow like a firebrand. <sup>4</sup>My heart is stricken, and dried like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread. <sup>5</sup>Because of the voice of my groaning, my bones hold fast to my skin. <sup>6</sup>I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. <sup>7</sup>I watch, and am as a sparrow alone on the house top. <sup>8</sup>My enemies curse me all the day; and they who are mad against me are sworn against me. <sup>9</sup>For I have eaten ashes like bread, and have mixed my drink with weeping, <sup>10</sup>because of Your anger and Your wrath; for You have lifted me up and cast me down. <sup>11</sup>My days are like a shadow stretched out; and I wither like grass.

<sup>12</sup>But You, O LORD, shall endure forever; and Your memory to all generations. <sup>13</sup>You shall arise, and have mercy on Zion; for the time to pity her, yea, the set time, has come. <sup>14</sup>For Your servants take pleasure in its stones, and pity its dust. <sup>15</sup>So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. <sup>16</sup>When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. <sup>17</sup>He will turn to the prayer of the forsaken and not despise their

prayer. <sup>18</sup>This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people who shall be created shall praise the LORD. <sup>19</sup>For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from Heaven the LORD beheld the earth; <sup>20</sup>to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free the sons of death; <sup>21</sup>to declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem; <sup>22</sup>when the peoples and the kingdoms have gathered together to serve the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days. <sup>24</sup>I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; Your years *are* through the generation of generations. <sup>25</sup>Of old You have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens *are* the work of Your hands. <sup>26</sup>They shall perish, but You shall endure; yea, all of them shall become old like a garment; like a robe You shall change them, and they shall be changed; <sup>27</sup>but You *are* the same, and Your years shall have no end. <sup>28</sup>The sons of Your servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before You.

### PSALM 103

#### *A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* His holy name. <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from ruin; who crowns you *with* loving-kindness and tender mercies; <sup>5</sup>who satisfies your mouth with good; your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness and judgment for all who are pressed down. <sup>7</sup>He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. <sup>8</sup>The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in mercy. <sup>9</sup>He will not always chasten, nor will He keep His *anger* forever. <sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens *are* high above the earth, *so* is His mercy toward those who fear Him. <sup>12</sup>As far as the east *is* from the west, *so* far has He removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup>As a father pities his children, *so* the LORD pities those who fear Him. <sup>14</sup>For He knows how we are made; He remembers that we *are* dust. <sup>15</sup>*As for* man, his days *are* as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. <sup>16</sup>For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and its place shall know it no more. <sup>17</sup>But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness *is* to sons of sons; <sup>18</sup>to those who keep His covenant, and to those who remember to do His commandments.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom rules over all. <sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, O angels of His, who excel in strength, who do His commandments, listening to the voice of His word. <sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all His hosts; ministers of His who do His pleasure. <sup>22</sup>Bless the LORD, all His works in all places of His rule; bless the LORD, O my soul.

### PSALM 104

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, You *are* very great; You have put on honor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>covering Yourself *with* light as with a robe; and stretching out the heavens like a curtain; <sup>3</sup>He lays the beams of His upper rooms in the waters. He sets the clouds *as* His chariots; He walks on the wings of the wind; <sup>4</sup>He makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire. <sup>5</sup>He laid the earth on its foundations; it shall not be shaken forever. <sup>6</sup>You cover it with the deep as with a robe; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup>At Your rebuke they flee; at the voice of Your thunder they hurry away. <sup>8</sup>They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys to the place which You have founded for them. <sup>9</sup>You have

set a bound that they may not pass over, so that they do not turn again to cover the earth. <sup>10</sup>He sends the springs into the valleys; they flow between the hills. <sup>11</sup>They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses break their thirst. <sup>12</sup>By them the birds of the heavens will have their place of rest; they sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup>He waters the hills from His upper rooms; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works. <sup>14</sup>He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for the service of man, to bring forth food out of the earth, <sup>15</sup>and wine cheers the heart of man, and oil makes *his* face shine, and bread sustains the heart of man. <sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD *are* full, the cedars of Lebanon which He has planted; <sup>17</sup>where the birds make their nests; the fir trees *are* the house of the stork. <sup>18</sup>The high hills *are* for the wild goats, and the rocks *are* a refuge for the badgers. <sup>19</sup>He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down. <sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth. <sup>21</sup>The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from God. <sup>22</sup>The sun rises; they are gathered, and go to their dens to lie down. <sup>23</sup>Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your riches. <sup>25</sup>This *is* the great and wide sea, in which *are* creeping things without number, both small and great animals. <sup>26</sup>There the ships go; You made this great sea animal to play in it. <sup>27</sup>These all wait on You, that You may give *them* their food in due season. <sup>28</sup>You give to them, they gather; You open Your hand; they are filled with good. <sup>29</sup>You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup>You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth. <sup>31</sup>The glory of the LORD shall endure forever; the LORD shall rejoice in His works. <sup>32</sup>He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. <sup>34</sup>My thoughts of Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the LORD. <sup>35</sup>Let the sinners perish from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 105

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD; call on His name; make known His deeds among the people. <sup>2</sup>Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; talk of all His wonderful works. <sup>3</sup>Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore. <sup>5</sup>Remember His marvelous works which He has done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, <sup>6</sup>seed of His servant Abraham, sons of Jacob His chosen. <sup>7</sup>He *is* the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth. <sup>8</sup>He has remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations; <sup>9</sup>the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac; <sup>10</sup>and He confirmed it to Jacob for a law, and to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant, <sup>11</sup>saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; <sup>12</sup>when they were a *few* men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. <sup>13</sup>When they went from one nation to another, from a kingdom to another people, <sup>14</sup>He allowed no man to do them wrong; yea, He reprov'd kings for their sakes, <sup>15</sup>*saying*, Touch not my anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

<sup>16</sup>And He called for a famine on the land; He broke the whole staff of bread. <sup>17</sup>He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold for a servant; <sup>18</sup>whose feet they hurt with chains; he was laid in iron, <sup>19</sup>until the time that his word came true; the word of the LORD tried him. <sup>20</sup>The king sent and set him free; the ruler of

the people, and let him go free. <sup>21</sup>He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all he owned, <sup>22</sup>to chain his leaders at his pleasure, and teach his elders wisdom.

<sup>23</sup>Israel also came *into* Egypt, and Jacob resided in the land of Ham. <sup>24</sup>And He increased His people and made them stronger than their enemies. <sup>25</sup>He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants. <sup>26</sup>He sent Moses His servant, *and* Aaron whom He had chosen. <sup>27</sup>They showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. <sup>28</sup>He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they did not rebel against His word. <sup>29</sup>He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish. <sup>30</sup>The land swarmed with frogs in the rooms of their kings. <sup>31</sup>He spoke, and there came different kinds of flies and lice in all their borders. <sup>32</sup>He gave them hail *for* rain *and* flaming fire in their land. <sup>33</sup>He struck their vines also and their fig trees, and broke the trees of their borders. <sup>34</sup>He spoke, and locusts came, and larvae without number; <sup>35</sup>and they ate up all the plants in their land, and ate the fruit of their ground. <sup>36</sup>He also struck all the first-born in their land, the chief of all their strength.

<sup>37</sup>He also brought them out with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. <sup>38</sup>Egypt was glad when they departed; for the fear of them had fallen on them. <sup>39</sup>He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light *in* the night. <sup>40</sup>He asked, and He brought quail, and satisfied them *with* the food of heaven. <sup>41</sup>He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river. <sup>42</sup>For He remembered His holy promise *and* Abraham His servant. <sup>43</sup>And He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen with gladness, <sup>44</sup>and gave them the lands of the nations; and they inherited the labor of the people, <sup>45</sup>so that they might take heed to His statutes and keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 106

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD. O give thanks to the LORD; for He *is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>2</sup>Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD, *or* cause all His praise to be heard? <sup>3</sup>Blessed *are* those who keep judgment, he who does righteousness at all times. <sup>4</sup>Remember me, O LORD, with the favor of Your people; O visit me with Your salvation, <sup>5</sup>that I may see the good of Your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

<sup>6</sup>We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. <sup>7</sup>Our fathers did not understand Your wonders in Egypt; they did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, but provoked You at the sea, even at the Red Sea. <sup>8</sup>But He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known. <sup>9</sup>And He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up; so He led them through the depths, *as* through the wilderness. <sup>10</sup>And He saved them from the hand of the hater, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. <sup>11</sup>And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left. <sup>12</sup>Then they believed His words; they sang His praise. <sup>13</sup>They hurried *and* forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel; <sup>14</sup>but they lusted *greedily* in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. <sup>15</sup>And He gave them what they asked; but sent leanness into their soul. <sup>16</sup>And they were jealous of Moses in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. <sup>18</sup>And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

<sup>19</sup>They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the melted image. <sup>20</sup>And they changed their Glory into the likeness of an ox that eats grass. <sup>21</sup>They forgot God their Deliverer, who had done great things in Egypt; <sup>22</sup>wonderful works in the

land of Ham, fearful things by the Red Sea. <sup>23</sup>And He said that He would destroy them, if Moses His chosen had not stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, so that He should not destroy *them*. <sup>24</sup>And they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word, <sup>25</sup>but murmured in their tents, and did not listen to the voice of the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>And He lifted up His hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness; <sup>27</sup>to overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. <sup>28</sup>And they joined themselves to Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead, <sup>29</sup>and provoked *Him* to anger with their doings; and the plague broke in on them. <sup>30</sup>Then Phinehas stood and interceded; and the plague was stayed. <sup>31</sup>And it was counted to him for righteousness to all generations forevermore.

<sup>32</sup>And they angered *Him* at the waters of strife so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes; <sup>33</sup>because they provoked his spirit so that he spoke unwisely with his lips. <sup>34</sup>They did not destroy the nations concerning whom the LORD commanded them; <sup>35</sup>but were mixed among the nations, and learned their works. <sup>36</sup>And they served their idols, which were a snare to them. <sup>37</sup>Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils, <sup>38</sup>and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood. <sup>39</sup>And they were defiled with their works, and went lusting in their doings. <sup>40</sup>And the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, and He detested His inheritance. <sup>41</sup>And He gave them into the hand of the nations; and those who hated them ruled over them. <sup>42</sup>And their enemies oppressed them, and they were humbled under their hand.

<sup>43</sup>Many times He delivered them, but they rebelled in their counsel and sank in their iniquities. <sup>44</sup>And He looked on their affliction when He heard their cry; <sup>45</sup>and He remembered *His* covenant for them, and was moved to pity, according to the multitude of His mercies. <sup>46</sup>And He gave them *blessings* of tender mercies before the face of all their captors.

<sup>47</sup>Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name and to triumph in Your praise. <sup>48</sup>Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 107

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, <sup>3</sup>and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

<sup>4</sup>They wandered in the wilderness, in a desert by the way; they found no city to dwell in. <sup>5</sup>Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. <sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble *and* He delivered them out of their troubles. <sup>7</sup>And He guided them by the right way, so as to go to a city to live in. <sup>8</sup>Oh that men would praise the LORD *for* His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man! <sup>9</sup>For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul *with* good.

<sup>10</sup>Those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* chained in affliction and iron; <sup>11</sup>because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the advice of the Most High — <sup>12</sup>and He humbled their heart with labor; they fell down, and none *was* helping. <sup>13</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble and He saved them out of their troubles. <sup>14</sup>He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands in two. <sup>15</sup>Let them praise the LORD *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the sons of man! <sup>16</sup>For He has broken the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron in two.

<sup>17</sup>Fools are afflicted because of their rebellion, and because of their iniquities. <sup>18</sup>Their soul hates all kinds of food; and they draw near the gates of death. <sup>19</sup>Then they cry to the LORD in their trouble, and He saves them out of their troubles. <sup>20</sup>He sends His word and heals them, and delivers *them* from their pitfalls. <sup>21</sup>Let them praise the LORD *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the sons of man! <sup>22</sup>And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing!

<sup>23</sup>They who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters; <sup>24</sup>these see the works of the LORD and His wonders in the deep. <sup>25</sup>For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves. <sup>26</sup>They mount up to the heavens, they go down again *to* the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble. <sup>27</sup>They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and all their wisdom is swallowed up. <sup>28</sup>And they cry to the LORD in their trouble, and He brings them out of their troubles. <sup>29</sup>He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves are still. <sup>30</sup>And they are glad because they are quiet; so He brings them to their desired haven. <sup>31</sup>Let them praise the LORD *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the sons of man! <sup>32</sup>And *let them* exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the gathering of the elders.

<sup>33</sup>He sets rivers in a wilderness and water-springs to dry ground; <sup>34</sup>a fruitful land to a salty desert, because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it. <sup>35</sup>He turns the wilderness into a water-pond, and dry ground into water-springs. <sup>36</sup>And He makes the hungry dwell there, so that they may prepare a city to live in; <sup>37</sup>and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. <sup>38</sup>He also blesses them, so that they are multiplied greatly; and does not allow their cattle to become few. <sup>39</sup>Again, they have become few, and have been brought low through harshness, affliction, and sorrow. <sup>40</sup>He pours scorn on nobles, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there *is* no path. <sup>41</sup>But He raises up the poor from affliction and sets families like a flock. <sup>42</sup>The upright shall see and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop its mouth. <sup>43</sup>Whoever *is* wise, and will observe to do these things, they shall understand the mercies of the LORD.

### PSALM 108

*A Song or Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and I will give praise, even *with* my glory. <sup>2</sup>Awake, harp and lyre; I will awake early. <sup>3</sup>I will praise You, O LORD, among the people; and I will sing praises to You among the nations. <sup>4</sup>For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens; and Your truth *reaches* to the clouds. <sup>5</sup>Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and Your glory above *all* the earth; so that Your beloved may be delivered; save *with* Your right hand, and answer me.

<sup>7</sup>God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and I will measure out the valley of Succoth. <sup>8</sup>Gilead *is* Mine; Manasseh *is* Mine and Ephraim *is* the strength of My head; Judah *is* My lawgiver; <sup>9</sup>Moab *is* My washpot; I will cast out My shoe over Edom; I will triumph over Philistia. <sup>10</sup>Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom? <sup>11</sup>O God, have you not cast us off? And, O God, will You not go out with our armies? <sup>12</sup>Give us help from trouble; for vain *is* the deliverance of man. <sup>13</sup>Through God we shall do mighty things; for He shall trample our enemies.

### PSALM 109

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O God of my praise, do not be silent; <sup>2</sup>for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me; they spoke against me *with* a lying

tongue. <sup>3</sup>And they surrounded me *with* words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. <sup>4</sup>For my love they are my foes; but *I am* in prayer. <sup>5</sup>And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. <sup>6</sup>Set a wicked man over him; and let Satan stand at his right hand, <sup>7</sup>when he is judged, let him be condemned; and let his prayer become sin. <sup>8</sup>Let his days be few; let another take his office. <sup>9</sup>Let his sons be fatherless, and his wife a widow. <sup>10</sup>Let his sons always beg and be vagabonds, and seek *food* out of their ruins. <sup>11</sup>Let the money-lender lay a snare for all that *is* his; and let strangers take the fruit of his labor. <sup>12</sup>Let there be none to give mercy to him; nor *any* to favor his fatherless children. <sup>13</sup>Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. <sup>14</sup>Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered to the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. <sup>15</sup>Let them be always before the LORD, that He may cut off their memory from the earth, <sup>16</sup>because he did not remember to do mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, and *sought* to kill the broken-hearted. <sup>17</sup>Yea, he loved cursing, so let it come to him; he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him. <sup>18</sup>As he clothed himself with cursing, as with his robe, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. <sup>19</sup>Let it be to him as the robe which covers him, and for a girdle with which he is always clothed.

<sup>20</sup>This *is* the reward of my foes from the LORD, and *of* them who speak evil against my soul. <sup>21</sup>But You, Lord Jehovah, deal kindly with me for Your name's sake; because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me. <sup>22</sup>For *I am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. <sup>23</sup>As a shadow when it is stretched out, *I am* gone; I am tossed up and down like the locust. <sup>24</sup>My knees stumble from fasting; and my flesh is losing its fatness. <sup>25</sup>And I became a shame to them; they looked on me, they shook their heads. <sup>26</sup>Help me, O LORD my God; save me according to Your mercy; <sup>27</sup>and they will know that this *is* Your hand; that You, LORD, have done it. <sup>28</sup>They will curse, but You will bless; they arise, and are ashamed; but let Your servant rejoice. <sup>29</sup>Let my foes be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own shame, as with a cloak. <sup>30</sup>I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him among the multitude. <sup>31</sup>For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn his soul.

#### PSALM 110

##### *A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand until I place Your enemies as Your footstool. <sup>2</sup>The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion; rule in the midst of Your enemies. <sup>3</sup>Your people *shall be* willing in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness from the womb of the morning: You have the dew of Your youth. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn, and will not repent, You *are* a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. <sup>5</sup>The Lord at Your right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath. <sup>6</sup>He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill them with dead bodies; He shall shatter heads over much *of* the earth. <sup>7</sup>He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore He shall lift up the head.

#### PSALM 111

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with all *my* heart, in the council of the upright, and of the congregation. <sup>2</sup>The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out by all those who have pleasure in them. <sup>3</sup>His work *is* honorable and glorious; and His righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the LORD *is* gracious and full of pity. <sup>5</sup>He has given food to those who fear Him; He will always be mindful of His covenant. <sup>6</sup>He has shown His people the power of His works, that He may give them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of His hands *are* truth and judgment; all His commands *are*



true, <sup>8</sup>standing fast forever and ever; *they are* done in truth and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all practicing them *have* understanding; His praise stands forever.

## PSALM 112

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. <sup>2</sup>His seed shall be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness stands forever. <sup>4</sup>To the upright there arises light in the darkness; *he is* gracious and full of pity and righteousness. <sup>5</sup>A good man shows favor, and lends; he will guide his business with fairness. <sup>6</sup>Surely he shall not be moved forever; the righteous shall be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup>He shall not be afraid of bad news; his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. <sup>8</sup>His heart is sure; he shall not be afraid *though* he sees his oppressors. <sup>9</sup>He has scattered abroad; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn shall be lifted up with honor. <sup>10</sup>The wicked shall see and be vexed; he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

## PSALM 113

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD's name is to be praised. <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, *who* dwells on high, <sup>6</sup>*who* humbles Himself to behold the things in the heavens and in the earth! <sup>7</sup>He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dunghill, <sup>8</sup>in order to make him sit with nobles, with the nobles of his people. <sup>9</sup>He causes the barren to dwell in the house, *as* a joyful mother of sons. Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 114

<sup>1</sup>When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, <sup>2</sup>Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel was His kingdom. <sup>3</sup>The sea saw it and fled; Jordan was driven back. <sup>4</sup>The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. <sup>5</sup>What *ailed* you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back, <sup>6</sup>O mountains that skipped like rams, O little hills like lambs? <sup>7</sup>Earth, tremble at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, <sup>8</sup>who turned the rock *into* a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

## PSALM 115

<sup>1</sup>Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for Your mercy and for Your truth's sake. <sup>2</sup>Why should the nations say, Where now is their God? <sup>3</sup>But our God is in Heaven; He has done whatever He has pleased. <sup>4</sup>Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. <sup>5</sup>They *have* mouths, but they do not speak; they *have* eyes, but they do not see; <sup>6</sup>they *have* ears, but they do not hear; they *have* noses, but they do not smell; <sup>7</sup>they *have* hands, but they do not handle; they *have* feet, but they do not walk; they do not mutter through their throat. <sup>8</sup>The ones who make them are like them, *and* everyone who trusts in them.

<sup>9</sup>O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. <sup>10</sup>O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. <sup>11</sup>You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. <sup>12</sup>The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. <sup>13</sup>He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small

and great. <sup>14</sup>The LORD shall increase you and your sons more and more. <sup>15</sup>You are blessed of the LORD who made the heavens and the earth. <sup>16</sup>The heavens, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth He has given to the sons of men. <sup>17</sup>The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. <sup>18</sup>But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 116

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because He hears my voice and my prayers. <sup>2</sup>Because He has bowed down His ear to me, therefore I will call on *Him* as long as I live. <sup>3</sup>The sorrows of death hemmed me in, and the pains of hell took hold on me; I found trouble and sorrow. <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech You, deliver my soul. <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup>The LORD keeps the simple; I was brought low, and He helped me. <sup>7</sup>Return to your rest, O my soul; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. <sup>8</sup>For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from falling. <sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>10</sup>I believed, therefore I have spoken; I was greatly afflicted; <sup>11</sup>I said in my haste, All men are liars. <sup>12</sup>What shall I give to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? <sup>13</sup>I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, and the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 117

<sup>1</sup>O praise the LORD, all nations; praise Him, all peoples. <sup>2</sup>For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 118

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD; for He is good; because His mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say that His mercy endures forever. <sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say that His mercy endures forever. <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the LORD say that His mercy endures forever. <sup>5</sup>I called on the LORD in distress; the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. <sup>6</sup>The LORD is for me, I will not fear; what can man do to me? <sup>7</sup>The LORD is for me among those who help me; and I will see my desire on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup>It is better to trust in the LORD than to trust in man. <sup>9</sup>It is better to trust in the LORD than to trust in princes. <sup>10</sup>All the nations surround, but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. <sup>11</sup>They surround me; yea, they surround me, but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. <sup>12</sup>They surround me like bees; they are put out like the fire of thorns; for in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.

<sup>13</sup>You have thrust hard at me so that I might fall; but the LORD helped me. <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and song, and He is my salvation. <sup>15</sup>The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacle of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD does mighty things. <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is lifted up; the right hand of the LORD does mighty things. <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>The LORD has sorely chastened me; but He has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD, <sup>20</sup>this is the gate of the LORD into which the

righteous shall enter. <sup>21</sup>I will praise You; for You have heard me, and are my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The Stone *which* the builders refused has become the Head of the corner. <sup>23</sup>This is from the LORD; *it is* marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This *is* the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup>Save now, I beseech You, O LORD; cause *us* to prosper now. <sup>26</sup>Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD; we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>God *is* the LORD, who gives light to us. Tie the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup>You *are* my God, and I will exalt You; You *are* my God, I will praise You. <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD; for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

### PSALM 119

#### ALEPH

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are the upright in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Blessed *are* they who keep His testimonies, and who seek Him with all the heart. <sup>3</sup>They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. <sup>4</sup>You have commanded us to keep Your commandments carefully. <sup>5</sup>O that my ways were fixed to keep Your statutes! <sup>6</sup>Then I shall not be ashamed, when I have respect to all Your commandments. <sup>7</sup>I will praise You with uprightness of heart when I have learned Your righteous judgments. <sup>8</sup>I will keep Your statutes; do not forsake me completely.

#### BETH

<sup>9</sup>With what shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. <sup>10</sup>With my all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. <sup>11</sup>I have hidden Your word in my heart, so that I might not sin against You. <sup>12</sup>Blessed *are* You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes. <sup>13</sup>With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. <sup>14</sup>I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. <sup>15</sup>I will think on Your commandments and have respect to Your ways. <sup>16</sup>I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

#### GIMEL

<sup>17</sup>Deal bountifully with Your servant, *that* I may live and keep Your word. <sup>18</sup>Open my eyes, so that I may behold wonderful things out of Your law. <sup>19</sup>I *am* a stranger in the earth; do not hide Your commandments from me. <sup>20</sup>My soul breaks for the longing that it has to Your judgments at all times. <sup>21</sup>You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, who go astray from Your commandments. <sup>22</sup>Remove cursing and scorn from me; for I have kept Your testimonies. <sup>23</sup>Princes also sat and spoke against me; *but* Your servant thought on Your statutes. <sup>24</sup>Your testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my advisers.

#### DALETH

<sup>25</sup>My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to Your word. <sup>26</sup>I have declared my ways, and You hear me; teach me Your statutes. <sup>27</sup>Make me to understand the way of Your commandments, and I shall talk of Your wonderful works. <sup>28</sup>My soul weeps itself away for grief; strengthen me according to Your word. <sup>29</sup>Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me Your law graciously. <sup>30</sup>I have chosen the way of truth; I have laid Your judgments before me. <sup>31</sup>I have stuck to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame. <sup>32</sup>I will run the way of Your commandments, when You shall enlarge my heart.

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<sup>33</sup>O LORD, teach me the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it *to* the end. <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; yea, I shall observe it with all my heart. <sup>35</sup>Cause me to walk in the path of Your commandments; for I delight in them. <sup>36</sup>Bow my heart to Your testimonies, and not to unjust gain. <sup>37</sup>Turn away

my eyes from seeing vanity; in Your way give me life. <sup>38</sup>Make Your word sure to Your servant, who is devoted to Your fear. <sup>39</sup>Turn away my shame which I fear; for Your judgments are good. <sup>40</sup>Behold, I have longed after Your commandments; in Your righteousness give me life.

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<sup>41</sup>Let Your mercies come to me, O LORD, even according to Your salvation, according to Your word. <sup>42</sup>And I shall have something to answer him who mocks me; for I trust in Your word. <sup>43</sup>And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Your judgments. <sup>44</sup>And I shall keep Your law continually forever and ever. <sup>45</sup>And I will always walk in a broad place; for I seek Your commandments. <sup>46</sup>I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. <sup>47</sup>And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I have loved. <sup>48</sup>And I will lift up my hands to Your commandments which I have loved; and I will think on Your statutes.

ZAYIN

<sup>49</sup>Remember the word to Your servant, on which You have caused me to hope. <sup>50</sup>This is my comfort in my affliction; for Your word has given me life. <sup>51</sup>The proud have utterly scorned me; yet I have not turned aside from Your law. <sup>52</sup>I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, and have comforted myself. <sup>53</sup>Horror has taken hold on me because of the wicked who forsake Your law. <sup>54</sup>Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. <sup>55</sup>I have remembered Your name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept Your law. <sup>56</sup>This I had, because I kept Your commandments.

CHETH

<sup>57</sup>You are my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Your words. <sup>58</sup>I looked for Your favor with all my heart; be merciful to me according to Your word. <sup>59</sup>I thought on my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies. <sup>60</sup>I made haste and did not delay to keep Your commandments. <sup>61</sup>The bands of the wicked have robbed me; but I have not forgotten Your law. <sup>62</sup>At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous judgments. <sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who fear You, and of those who keep Your commandments. <sup>64</sup>O LORD, the earth is full of Your mercy; teach me Your statutes.

TETH

<sup>65</sup>You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. <sup>66</sup>Teach me good judgment and knowledge; for I have believed Your commandments. <sup>67</sup>Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept Your word. <sup>68</sup>You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes. <sup>69</sup>The proud have forged a lie against me; I will keep Your commandments with all my heart. <sup>70</sup>Their heart is without feeling, like fat; but I delight in Your law. <sup>71</sup>It is good for me that I have been afflicted, so that I might learn Your statutes. <sup>72</sup>The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD

<sup>73</sup>Your hands have made me and formed me; give me understanding so that I may learn Your commandments. <sup>74</sup>They who fear You will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in Your word. <sup>75</sup>I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, and that You have afflicted me in faithfulness. <sup>76</sup>I beseech You, let Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant. <sup>77</sup>Let Your tender mercies come to me so that I may live; for Your law is my delight. <sup>78</sup>Let the proud be ashamed; for they perverted my cause with lying; I will think on Your commandments. <sup>79</sup>Let those who fear You turn to me, and

those who have known Your testimonies. <sup>80</sup>Let my heart be sound in Your statutes, so that I may not be ashamed.

#### KAPH

<sup>81</sup>My soul faints for Your salvation; I hope in Your word. <sup>82</sup>My eyes fail for Your word, saying, When will You comfort me? <sup>83</sup>For I am like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget Your statutes. <sup>84</sup>How many *are* the days of Your servant? When will You carry out judgment on my persecutors me? <sup>85</sup>The proud have dug pits for me, which *are* not according to Your law. <sup>86</sup>All Your commandments *are* faithful; they persecute me *with* lying; help me. <sup>87</sup>They had almost finished me on earth; but I did not forsake Your commandments. <sup>88</sup>According to Your loving-kindness give me life; so shall I keep the testimony of Your mouth.

#### LAMED

<sup>89</sup>Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in Heaven. <sup>90</sup>Your faithfulness *is* to all generations; You have founded the earth, and it remains. <sup>91</sup>They stand to this day according to Your ordinances; for all *are* Your servants. <sup>92</sup>Unless Your law *had been* my delight, I should then have perished in my affliction. <sup>93</sup>I will never forget Your commandments; for with them You have given me life. <sup>94</sup>I *am* Yours, save me; for I have sought Your commandments. <sup>95</sup>The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I will think on Your testimonies. <sup>96</sup>I have seen an end to all perfection; Your commandment *is* exceedingly broad.

#### MEM

<sup>97</sup>Oh how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup>Through Your commandments You make me wiser than my enemies, for they *are* ever with me. <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers; for Your testimonies *are* my prayer. <sup>100</sup>I understand more than the old men, because I keep Your commandments. <sup>101</sup>I have kept my feet from every evil way, so that I might keep Your word. <sup>102</sup>I have not departed from Your judgments; for You have taught me. <sup>103</sup>How sweet are Your words to my taste! More than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup>Through Your commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

#### NUN

<sup>105</sup>Your word *is* a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. <sup>106</sup>I have sworn, and I will do *it*, that I will keep Your righteous judgments. <sup>107</sup>I am afflicted very much; O LORD, give me life according to Your word. <sup>108</sup>I pray You, take the free-will offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me Your judgments. <sup>109</sup>My life *is* in my hand daily; yet I do not forget Your law. <sup>110</sup>The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet I do not go astray from Your commandments. <sup>111</sup>I have taken Your testimonies as an inheritance forever; for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart. <sup>112</sup>I have bowed down my heart always to do Your statutes to the end.

#### SAMECH

<sup>113</sup>I hate doubting thoughts; but Your law do I love. <sup>114</sup>You *are* my hiding-place and my shield; I hope in Your word. <sup>115</sup>Depart from me; you evil-doers; for I will keep the commandments of my God. <sup>116</sup>Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. <sup>117</sup>Hold me up, and I shall be safe; and I will always have respect to Your statutes. <sup>118</sup>You have trampled all those who go astray from Your statutes; for their deceit *is* falsehood. <sup>119</sup>You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* waste; therefore I love Your testimonies. <sup>120</sup>My flesh trembles in fear of You; and I am afraid of Your judgments.

#### AYIN

<sup>121</sup>I have done judgments and justice; leave me not to those who crush me. <sup>122</sup>Be surety for Your servant; let not the proud press me down. <sup>123</sup>My eyes fail for Your

salvation, and for the word of Your righteousness. <sup>124</sup>Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and teach me Your statutes. <sup>125</sup>*I am* Your servant; give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies. <sup>126</sup>*It is* time for the LORD to work; *for* they have broken Your law. <sup>127</sup>Therefore I love Your commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. <sup>128</sup>Therefore I count all *Your* commandments concerning all things to be right; I hate every false way.

## PE

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies *are* wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. <sup>130</sup>The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. <sup>131</sup>I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for Your commandments. <sup>132</sup>Look on me, and be merciful to me, as You usually do to those who love Your name. <sup>133</sup>Order my steps in Your word; and do not let any iniquity rule over me. <sup>134</sup>Deliver me from the harshness of man; and I will keep Your commandments. <sup>135</sup>Make Your face shine on Your servant; and teach me Your statutes. <sup>136</sup>Rivers of water run down my eyes, because they do not keep Your law.

## TZADDI

<sup>137</sup>You *are* righteous, O LORD, and Your judgments are right. <sup>138</sup>You have commanded Your testimonies *as* very faithful. <sup>139</sup>My zeal has eaten me up, because my enemies have forgotten Your words. <sup>140</sup>Your word *is* very pure; therefore Your servant loves it. <sup>141</sup>*I am* small and despised; yet I do not forget Your commandments. <sup>142</sup>Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and Your law *is* the truth. <sup>143</sup>Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; yet Your commandments *are* my delight. <sup>144</sup>The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live.

## QOPH

<sup>145</sup>I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD; I will keep Your statutes. <sup>146</sup>I cried to You; save me, and I shall keep Your testimonies. <sup>147</sup>I went before the dawning of the morning and cried; I hoped in Your word. <sup>148</sup>My eyes go before the night watches, so that I might think on Your word. <sup>149</sup>Hear my voice according to Your loving-kindness; O LORD, according to Your judgment give me life. <sup>150</sup>They draw near, those who follow after wickedness; they are far from Your law. <sup>151</sup>You *are* near, O LORD, and all Your commandments *are* truth. <sup>152</sup>Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

## RESH

<sup>153</sup>Look on my affliction, and deliver me; for I do not forget Your law. <sup>154</sup>Plead my cause, and deliver me; according to Your word give me life. <sup>155</sup>Salvation *is* far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes. <sup>156</sup>Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD; according to Your judgments give me life. <sup>157</sup>Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies. <sup>158</sup>I saw the traitors, and was grieved because they did not keep Your word. <sup>159</sup>See how I love Your commandments; O LORD, according to Your loving-kindness give me life. <sup>160</sup>Your word *is* true from the beginning; and every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

## SHIN

<sup>161</sup>Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart stands in fear of Your word. <sup>162</sup>I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great spoil. <sup>163</sup>I hate and despise lying; *but* I love Your law. <sup>164</sup>I praise You seven *times* a day because of Your righteous judgments. <sup>165</sup>They have great peace, those who have Your law; and nothing shall offend them. <sup>166</sup>LORD, I have hoped for Your salvation, and have done Your commandments. <sup>167</sup>My soul has kept Your testimonies; and I love

them very much. <sup>168</sup>I have kept Your commandments and Your testimonies; for all my ways *are* before You.

TAU

<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come near to You, O LORD; give me wisdom according to Your word. <sup>170</sup>Let my prayer come before You; deliver me according to Your word. <sup>171</sup>My lips shall utter praise, when You have taught me Your statutes. <sup>172</sup>My tongue shall speak Your word; for all Your commandments *are* righteousness. <sup>173</sup>Let Your hand help me; for I have chosen Your precepts. <sup>174</sup>I have longed for Your salvation, O LORD; and Your law *is* my delight. <sup>175</sup>Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; and let Your judgments help me. <sup>176</sup>I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant; for I do not forget Your commandments.

#### PSALM 120

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>In my trouble I cried to the LORD, and He heard me. <sup>2</sup>Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. <sup>3</sup>What shall be given to you? Or what shall be done to you, O false tongue? <sup>4</sup>Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of broom.

<sup>5</sup>Woe is me, that I live in Mesech, I dwell in the tents of Kedar! <sup>6</sup>My soul has long dwelt with a hater of peace. <sup>7</sup>*I am for* peace; but when I speak, they *are* for war.

#### PSALM 121

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where shall my help come from? <sup>2</sup>My help *comes* from the LORD, who made Heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD *is* your keeper; the LORD *is* your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD shall keep you from all evil; He shall keep your soul. <sup>8</sup>The LORD shall keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

#### PSALM 122

*A Song of degrees; of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built like a city that *is* all joined together as one; <sup>4</sup>where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>For there *were* set the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those who love you shall be blessed. <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls, blessings within your palaces. <sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within you. <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

#### PSALM 123

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>To You I lift up my eyes, O Dweller in Heaven. <sup>2</sup>Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters; as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* on the LORD our God, until He shall have mercy on us. <sup>3</sup>Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us; for we are exceedingly filled with scorn. <sup>4</sup>Our soul is exceedingly filled *with* the scorning of those who are at ease, and with the scorn of the proud.

## PSALM 124

*A Song of degrees; of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Except that *it was* the LORD who was for us, O may Israel say; <sup>2</sup>Except that *it was* the LORD who was for us when men rose up against us, <sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; <sup>4</sup>then the waters would have flowed over us, the stream would have gone over our soul; <sup>5</sup>then the proud waters would have gone over our soul. <sup>6</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD, who has not given us *as* a prey to their teeth. <sup>7</sup>Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. <sup>8</sup>Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made Heaven and earth.

## PSALM 125

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>They who trust in the LORD *shall be* like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but remains forever. <sup>2</sup>As the mountains *are* all around Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* all around His people from this time and forever. <sup>3</sup>For the rod of the wicked shall not rest on the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands to iniquity. <sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to the good, and to the upright in their hearts. <sup>5</sup>And those who turn aside to their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; peace shall *be* on Israel.

## PSALM 126

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue *with* singing; then they said among the nations, The LORD has done *great things* with them. <sup>3</sup>The LORD *has done* great things to work with us; we are glad. <sup>4</sup>Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. <sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. <sup>6</sup>*He who* goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

## PSALM 127

*A Song of degrees for Solomon.*

<sup>1</sup>Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD keeps the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. <sup>2</sup>*It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; *for* so He gives His beloved sleep. <sup>3</sup>Lo, children *are* by the will of the LORD, and the fruit of the womb *is* His reward. <sup>4</sup>As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so *are* the sons of the young. <sup>5</sup>Blessed *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

## PSALM 128

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed *is* everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. <sup>2</sup>For you shall surely eat the labor of your hands; you *shall be* happy, and all *is* well *with you*. <sup>3</sup>Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine by the sides of your house; your sons *shall be* like olive plants around your table. <sup>4</sup>Behold! So shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The LORD shall bless you out of Zion; and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life. <sup>6</sup>Yea, you shall see the sons of your sons. Peace be on Israel.



## PSALM 129

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>Many times they have afflicted me from my youth, Israel may now say; <sup>2</sup>many times they have afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed over me. <sup>3</sup>The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long. <sup>4</sup>The LORD is righteous; He cuts the cords of the wicked in two. <sup>5</sup>Let them all be ashamed and turned back, those who hate Zion. <sup>6</sup>Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which dries up before it grows up, <sup>7</sup>with which the reaper does not fill his hand, nor the binder of sheaves his bosom.

<sup>8</sup>And those who pass by have never said, The blessing of the LORD *be* on you; we bless you in the name of the LORD.

## PSALM 130

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD. <sup>2</sup>Lord, hear my voice; and let Your ears listen to the voice of My prayers. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, if iniquities were marked by You, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope. <sup>6</sup>My soul *waits* for the LORD more than morning-watchers *who are* watching for the morning. <sup>7</sup>Let Israel hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup>And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## PSALM 131

*A Song of degrees; of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes lofty; nor have I walked in great things, nor in things too wondrous for me. <sup>2</sup>Surely I have behaved and have quieted my soul, as one weaned by its mother; my soul on me is like one weaned. <sup>3</sup>Let Israel hope in the LORD from this moment and forever.

## PSALM 132

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, remember David and all his afflictions, <sup>2</sup>*how he* swore to the LORD; he vowed to the mighty One of Jacob. <sup>3</sup>Surely I will not come into the tent of my house, nor go up into my bed; <sup>4</sup>I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids, <sup>5</sup>until I find out a place for the LORD, a dwelling-place for the mighty One of Jacob. <sup>6</sup>Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the fields of the wood. <sup>7</sup>We will go into His dwellings; we will worship at His footstool. <sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD, into Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength. <sup>9</sup>Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and Your saints shout for joy. <sup>10</sup>For Your servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Your anointed. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has sworn to David *in* truth; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of your body I will set on your throne. <sup>12</sup>If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons shall also sit on your throne forever.

<sup>13</sup>The LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling-place. <sup>14</sup>This is My rest forever; here I will dwell; for I have desired it. <sup>15</sup>I will greatly bless her food; I will satisfy her poor *with* bread. <sup>16</sup>I also will clothe her priests *with* salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. <sup>17</sup>There I will make the horn of David to bud; I have prepared a lamp for My anointed. <sup>18</sup>I will clothe his enemies *with* shame; but his crown shall shine on him.

## PSALM 133

*A Song of degrees; of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down on the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; <sup>3</sup>like the dew of Hermon and like the dew that came down on the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

## PSALM 134

*A Song of degrees.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. <sup>3</sup>May the LORD, who made Heaven and earth, bless you out of Zion.

## PSALM 135

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; praise Him, servants of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Those who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, <sup>3</sup>praise the LORD; for the LORD is good; sing praises to His name, for it is full of delight. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD has chosen Jacob to Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure. <sup>5</sup>For I know that the LORD is great, and that our LORD is above all gods. <sup>6</sup>Everything the LORD pleased, that He did in the heavens and in earth, and in the seas and all deep places. <sup>7</sup>He causes the vapors to rise from the end of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain; He brings wind out of His treasures. <sup>8</sup>He who struck the first-born of Egypt, both of man and animal; <sup>9</sup>who sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, on Pharaoh and on all his servants; <sup>10</sup>who struck great nations and killed mighty kings, <sup>11</sup>Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan, <sup>12</sup>and gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel His people. <sup>13</sup>Your name, O LORD, endures forever, and Your memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations. <sup>14</sup>For the LORD will judge His people, and He will pity His servants.

<sup>15</sup>The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. <sup>16</sup>They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; <sup>17</sup>they have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there any breath in their mouths. <sup>18</sup>Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them. <sup>19</sup>Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; bless the LORD, O house of Aaron; <sup>20</sup>bless the LORD, O house of Levi; you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD. <sup>21</sup>Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, who dwells at Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 136

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD; for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Oh give thanks to the God of gods; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>3</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>4</sup>To Him who alone does great wonders; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>5</sup>To Him who by wisdom made the heavens; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>6</sup>To Him who stretched out the earth above the waters; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>7</sup>To Him who made great lights; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>8</sup>The sun to rule by day; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule by night; for His mercy endures forever. <sup>10</sup>To Him who struck Egypt in their first-born; for His mercy endures forever; <sup>11</sup>and brought Israel out from among them, for His mercy endures forever; <sup>12</sup>with a strong hand, and a stretched out arm; for His mercy endures forever; <sup>13</sup>To Him who divided the Red Sea into parts; for His mercy endures forever; <sup>14</sup>and made Israel to pass through the middle of it; for His mercy endures forever; <sup>15</sup>but threw

Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>16</sup>To Him who led His people through the wilderness; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>17</sup>To Him who struck great kings; for His mercy *endures* forever; <sup>18</sup>and killed famous kings; for His mercy *endures* forever: <sup>19</sup>Sihon king of the Amorites; for His mercy *endures* forever; <sup>20</sup>and Og the king of Bashan; for His mercy *endures* forever; <sup>21</sup>and gave their land for an inheritance; for His mercy *endures* forever; <sup>22</sup>even an inheritance to Israel His servant; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our low estate; for His mercy *endures* forever; <sup>24</sup>and has redeemed us from our enemies; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>25</sup>Who gives food to all flesh; for His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>26</sup>Oh give thanks to the God of Heaven; for His mercy *endures* forever.

#### PSALM 137

<sup>1</sup>We sat down by the rivers of Babylon; also, we wept when we remembered Zion. <sup>2</sup>We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst. <sup>3</sup>For there our captors demanded a song from us; and our plunderers demanded gladness, *saying*, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. <sup>4</sup>How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? <sup>5</sup>If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget. <sup>6</sup>If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth; if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy. <sup>7</sup>Remember, O LORD, the sons of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Make it bare! Make it bare, even to the foundation of it! <sup>8</sup>O daughter of Babylon, O destroyed one! Blessed is he who will repay to you your reward which you rewarded to us. <sup>9</sup>Blessed is he who seizes and dashes your little ones against the stones.

#### PSALM 138

##### *A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praise to You. <sup>2</sup>I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth's sake; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. <sup>3</sup>In the day when I cried You answered me and made me bold *with* strength in my soul. <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, when they hear the words of Your mouth. <sup>5</sup>Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD; for great is the glory of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Though the LORD is high, yet He has respect to the lowly; but the proud He knows afar off. <sup>7</sup>If I walk in the midst of trouble, You will give me life; You shall stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand shall save me. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will perfect *His work* in me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever; do not forsake the work of Your own hands.

#### PSALM 139

##### *To the Chief Musician, A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You have searched me and have known *me*. <sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. <sup>3</sup>You search my path and my lying down, and are acquainted *with* all my ways. <sup>4</sup>For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, You know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You have closed me in behind and in front, and laid Your hand on me. <sup>6</sup>*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot go up to it.* <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I go up into Heaven, You *are* there; if I make my bed *in* hell, behold, You *are there*. <sup>9</sup>*If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the furthest parts of the sea;* <sup>10</sup>even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. <sup>11</sup>If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night *shall be* light around me. <sup>12</sup>Yea, the darkness does not hide from

You; but the night shines as the day; as *is* the darkness, so *is* the light to You. <sup>13</sup>For You have possessed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I will praise You; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works *are* marvelous and my soul knows *it* very well. <sup>15</sup>My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret and skillfully formed in the lowest parts of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed bones; and in Your book all *my members* were written, the days they were formed, and none *was* among them.

<sup>17</sup>How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>*If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You. <sup>19</sup>Surely You will slay the wicked, O God; and bloody men, depart from me. <sup>20</sup>Who will speak against You maliciously? Your enemies are lifted up with vanity. <sup>21</sup>O LORD, do I not hate those who hate You? And am I *not* grieved with those who rise up against You? <sup>22</sup>I hate them *with* perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, <sup>24</sup>and see if *any* wicked way is in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### PSALM 140

*To the Chief Musician, A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man; keep me from the violent man; <sup>2</sup>who devised evil things in the heart; they are always gathered *for* war. <sup>3</sup>They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD, keep me from the hands of the wicked; keep me from the violent man; these have purposed to overthrow my steps. <sup>5</sup>The proud have hidden cords and a trap for me; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me. Selah.

<sup>6</sup>I said to the LORD, You *are* my God; O LORD, hear the voice of my prayers. <sup>7</sup>O Lord Jehovah, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle. <sup>8</sup>O LORD, do not grant the desires of the wicked; do not help his wicked plans, *lest* they praise themselves. Selah.

<sup>9</sup>*As for* the head of those around me, let the evil of their own lips cover them. <sup>10</sup>Let burning coals fall on them; let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, so that they do not rise up again. <sup>11</sup>Do not let an evil speaker be established in the earth; evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him. <sup>12</sup>I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and the right of the poor. <sup>13</sup>Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence.

#### PSALM 141

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, I cry to You; make haste to me, give ear to my voice when I cry to You. <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be set forth before You *as* incense, and the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice. <sup>3</sup>Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. <sup>4</sup>Let not my heart turn aside to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and let me not eat of their delights. <sup>5</sup>Let the righteous strike me; *it shall be* a kindness; and let him correct me; let not my head refuse such excellent oil; for still my prayer also *shall be* because of their wickedness. <sup>6</sup>When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet. <sup>7</sup>Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cuts and splits wood on the earth.

<sup>8</sup>But my eyes *are* on You, O Lord Jehovah; in You I take refuge, do not leave my soul naked. <sup>9</sup>Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the snares of the workers of evil. <sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape.

## PSALM 142

*An Instruction of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.*

<sup>1</sup>I cried to the LORD *with* my voice; *with* my voice I prayed to the LORD. <sup>2</sup>I poured out my prayer before Him; I declared my trouble before Him. <sup>3</sup>When my spirit became weak within me, then You know my path. In the way *in* which I walked they have secretly laid a snare for me. <sup>4</sup>I looked on my right hand, and I watched, but there was no man who would know me; escape was lost to me; no man cared for my soul. <sup>5</sup>I cried to You, O LORD; I said, You *are* my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

<sup>6</sup>Hear my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from my pursuers; for they are stronger than I. <sup>7</sup>Bring my soul out of prison that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall gather around me; for You shall reward me.

## PSALM 143

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayers O LORD; give ear to my prayers; in Your faithfulness and in Your righteousness answer me. <sup>2</sup>And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified. <sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has beaten my life down to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. <sup>4</sup>And my spirit has become weak within me; my heart has become weary within me. <sup>5</sup>I remember the days of old; I think on all Your works; I would speak on the work of Your hands. <sup>6</sup>I stretch forth my hands to You; my soul *thirsts* after You like a thirsty land. Selah.

<sup>7</sup>Hear me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails; do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the Pit. <sup>8</sup>Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning; for I do trust in You; cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift up my soul to You. <sup>9</sup>Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; I flee to You to hide me. <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do Your will; for You *are* my God; Your Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, for Your name's sake make me live; for Your righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble. <sup>12</sup>And out of Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I *am* Your servant.

## PSALM 144

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, who teaches My hands for war, my fingers to battle. <sup>2</sup>He is my goodness and my fortress; my high tower and my deliverer; my shield and He in whom I trust; who humbles my people under me. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, what *is* man that You take knowledge of him! Or the son of man, that You esteem him? <sup>4</sup>Man is like vanity; his days *are* like a shadow that passes away. <sup>5</sup>Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. <sup>6</sup>Cast forth lightning and scatter them; shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. <sup>7</sup>Send Your hand from above; rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; <sup>8</sup>because their mouth has spoken vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of lies. <sup>9</sup>I will sing a new song to You, O God; on a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You. <sup>10</sup>*It is You* who gives salvation to kings; who delivers David His servant from the hurtful sword. <sup>11</sup>Rescue me, and deliver me from the hand of foreigner's sons, because their mouth has spoken vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood; <sup>12</sup>so that our sons *may be* like plants grown up in their youth; *and* our daughters *may be* like corner-stones, polished like a palace building; <sup>13</sup>*and* our storehouses *may be* full, furnishing kind to kind; *and* our flocks may breed thousands *and* ten thousands

outside; <sup>14</sup>and our oxen *may be* loaded; strong to labor; so that there is no break in nor going out; and no crying in our streets. <sup>15</sup>Blessed *is* that people who is so; blessed *is* that people whose God *is* the LORD.

#### PSALM 145

<sup>1</sup>I will lift You up, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless You; and I will praise Your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup>Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and there *is* no searching out His greatness. <sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious honor of Your majesty, and of Your wonderful works. <sup>6</sup>And men shall speak of the might of Your fearful acts; and I will declare Your greatness. <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness. <sup>8</sup>The LORD *is* gracious and full of pity; slow to anger, and of great mercy. <sup>9</sup>The LORD *is* good to all; and His tender mercies *are* over all His works. <sup>10</sup>All Your works shall praise You, O LORD; and Your saints shall bless You. <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power, <sup>12</sup>to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and Your rule *endures* throughout all generations. <sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait on You; and You give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup>You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works. <sup>18</sup>The LORD *is* near all those who call on Him, all those who call on Him in truth. <sup>19</sup>He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. <sup>20</sup>The LORD preserves all those who love Him; but all the wicked He will destroy. <sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

#### PSALM 146

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. <sup>2</sup>While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have any being. <sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup>His breath goes forth; he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessed *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, whose help *is* in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in it; who keeps truth forever; <sup>7</sup>who carries out judgment for the mistreated; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD lets the prisoners loose; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens *the eyes of* the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous; <sup>9</sup>the LORD preserves the strangers; He relieves the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, even your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 147

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD; for *it is* good to sing praises to our God; for praise *is* delightful *and* becoming. <sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. <sup>3</sup>He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup>He appoints the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names. <sup>5</sup>Great *is* our LORD, and of great power; His understanding cannot be told. <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the meek; He throws the wicked down to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise on the harp to our God, <sup>8</sup>who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains. <sup>9</sup>He gives the beast its food, and to the young ravens which cry. <sup>10</sup>He

delights not in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. <sup>11</sup>The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, who hope in His mercy. <sup>12</sup>Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. <sup>13</sup>For He has made the bars of your gates strong; He has blessed your sons within you. <sup>14</sup>He makes peace *in* your borders and fills you *with* the finest of the wheat. <sup>15</sup>He sends forth His commandment on earth; His word runs very swiftly. <sup>16</sup>He gives snow like wool; He scatters the hoar-frost like ashes. <sup>17</sup>He casts forth His ice like crumbs; who can stand before His cold? <sup>18</sup>He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow. <sup>19</sup>He shows His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. <sup>20</sup>He has not done so with any nation; and they have not known *His* judgments. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 148

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light. <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, heavens of heavens, and waters that *are* above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD; for He commanded, and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He has also settled them forever and ever; He has made a decree which shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth you sea-monsters, and all deeps; <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind fulfilling His word, <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, <sup>10</sup>beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds of the wing, <sup>11</sup>kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth, <sup>12</sup>both young men and maidens, old men and children; <sup>13</sup>let them praise the name of the LORD; for His name alone is excellent; His glory *is* above the earth and heavens. <sup>14</sup>He also lifts up the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints, even of the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 149

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in Him who made him; let the sons of Zion be joyful in their king. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise His name in the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the meek with salvation. <sup>5</sup>Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. <sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, <sup>7</sup>to carry out vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron-bands, <sup>9</sup>to carry out on them the judgment written; this *is an* honor for all His saints. Praise the LORD!

#### PSALM 150

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the expanse of His power. <sup>2</sup>Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. <sup>3</sup>Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. <sup>4</sup>Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and pipes. <sup>5</sup>Praise Him on the sounding cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals. <sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

# THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; <sup>2</sup>to know wisdom and instruction; to recognize the words of understanding; <sup>3</sup>to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and uprightness; <sup>4</sup>to give sense to the simple, knowledge and judgment to the young man — <sup>5</sup>the wise hears and increases learning; and understanding ones will get wisdom — <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and its meaning; the words of the wise, and their acute sayings.

<sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother; <sup>9</sup>for they *shall be* an ornament of grace to your head and chains around your neck.

<sup>10</sup>My son, if sinners lure you, do not be willing. <sup>11</sup>If they say, Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood, we will watch secretly for the innocent without cause; <sup>12</sup>let us swallow them up alive as the grave, and whole, as those who go down *into* the pit; <sup>13</sup>we shall find all precious goods; we shall fill our houses *with* plunder; <sup>14</sup>cast in your lot among us, and let us have one purse. <sup>15</sup>My son, do not walk in the way with them! Keep back your foot from their path, <sup>16</sup>for their feet run to evil and make haste to shed blood. <sup>17</sup>Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird, <sup>18</sup>And they lie in wait for their *own* blood; they watch secretly for their *own* lives. <sup>19</sup>So *are* the ways of everyone who gains *unjust* gain; it takes away its owners' life.

<sup>20</sup>Wisdom cries outside; she utters her voice in the streets; <sup>21</sup>she cries in the chief place of gathering, in the openings of the gates; in the city she utters her words, *saying*, <sup>22</sup>How long will you love simplicity, simple ones? And how long will scorners delight in their scorning? And will fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup>Turn at my warning; behold, I will pour out my Spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. <sup>24</sup>Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention; <sup>25</sup>but you have despised all my advice, and would have none of my warning. <sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your trouble; I will mock when your fear comes; <sup>27</sup>when your fear comes as a wasting away, and your ruin comes like a whirlwind; when trouble and pain come upon you. <sup>28</sup>Then they shall call upon me, and I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; <sup>29</sup>instead they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD. <sup>30</sup>They would have none of my counsel; they despised all my correction, <sup>31</sup>and they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own desires. <sup>32</sup>For the turning away of the simple kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them. <sup>33</sup>But whoever listens to me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>My son, if you will receive My words and hide My commandments with you, <sup>2</sup>so that you attend to wisdom, you shall extend your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup>yea, if you cry after knowledge and lift up your voice for understanding; <sup>4</sup>if you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures, <sup>5</sup>then you shall understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD gives wisdom; out of His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly. <sup>8</sup>He keeps the paths of judgment, and guards the way of His saints. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall understand righteousness and judgment and honesty, every good path. <sup>10</sup>When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasing to your soul; <sup>11</sup>judgment shall keep you, understanding shall keep you, <sup>12</sup>to deliver you from the way of the



evil man, from the man who speaks wicked things; <sup>13</sup>those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, <sup>14</sup>who rejoice to do evil *and* delight in the sinfulness of the wicked; <sup>15</sup>whose ways *are* crooked, and *are* devious in their paths. <sup>16</sup>*They* will deliver you from the strange woman, the stranger who flatters with her words, <sup>17</sup>who forsakes the guide of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God. <sup>18</sup>For her house bows down to death, and her paths to the dead. <sup>19</sup>All who go in to her do not return again, nor do they take hold of the paths of life, <sup>20</sup>in order that you may walk in the way of good and keep the paths of the righteous. <sup>21</sup>For the upright shall dwell *in* the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. <sup>22</sup>But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>My son, forget not My law; but let your heart keep My commandments; <sup>2</sup>for they shall add length of days, and long life, and peace, to you. <sup>3</sup>Let not mercy and truth forsake you; tie them around your neck; write them upon the tablet of your heart; <sup>4</sup>and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. <sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. <sup>8</sup>Healing shall he to your navel and marrow to your bones. <sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the first-fruits of all your increase; <sup>10</sup>and your barns shall be filled *with* plenty, and your presses shall burst *with* new wine. <sup>11</sup>My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD; nor be weary with His correction; <sup>12</sup>for whom the LORD loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son *in* whom he delights.

<sup>13</sup>Blessed *is* the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding. <sup>14</sup>For the gain from it *is* better than the gain from silver, and the gain from it more than fine gold; <sup>15</sup>she *is* more precious than rubies; and all the things you can desire are not to be compared with her. <sup>16</sup>Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand, riches and honor. <sup>17</sup>Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. <sup>18</sup>She *is* a tree of life to those who lay hold upon her; and happy *is* everyone who keeps her. <sup>19</sup>The LORD has founded the earth by wisdom; by understanding He has founded the heavens. <sup>20</sup>By His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. <sup>21</sup>My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and judgment; <sup>22</sup>and they shall be life to your soul and grace to your neck. <sup>23</sup>Then you shall walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble. <sup>24</sup>When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yea, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet. <sup>25</sup>Do not be afraid of sudden fear, nor of the destroying of the wicked, when it comes. <sup>26</sup>For the LORD shall be your hope, and shall keep your foot from being taken.

<sup>27</sup>Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it. <sup>28</sup>Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come back again, and tomorrow I will give; when you have it beside you: <sup>29</sup>Do not plan evil against your neighbor, since he dwells trustingly by you. <sup>30</sup>Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. <sup>31</sup>Do not envy the cruel man, and choose none of his ways. <sup>32</sup>For the crooked man *is* hateful to the LORD, but His secret *is* with the righteous. <sup>33</sup>The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked; but He blesses the home of the just. <sup>34</sup>Surely He scorns the scorners; but He gives grace to the lowly. <sup>35</sup>The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Children, hear the instruction of a father, and listen in order to know understanding. <sup>2</sup>For I give you good teaching; do not forsake my law. <sup>3</sup>For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. <sup>4</sup>He also taught me, and said to me, Let your heart hold fast my words, keep my commandments and live. <sup>5</sup>Get wisdom, get understanding; forget not; nor turn away from the words of my mouth. <sup>6</sup>Do not forsake her, and she shall keep you; love her, and she shall keep you. <sup>7</sup>Wisdom is the main thing; get wisdom; and with all your getting get understanding. <sup>8</sup>Prize her, and she shall lift you up; she shall bring you to honor when you embrace her. <sup>9</sup>She shall give to your hand an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she shall deliver to you.

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of your life shall be many. <sup>11</sup>I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in the right paths. <sup>12</sup>When you go, your steps shall not be narrowed; and when you run, you shall not stumble. <sup>13</sup>Take fast hold of instruction; do not let go; keep her; for she is your life. <sup>14</sup>Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil. <sup>15</sup>Avoid it; do not pass by it; turn from it, and pass on! <sup>16</sup>For they do not sleep, except when they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall. <sup>17</sup>For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup>But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day. <sup>19</sup>The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. <sup>20</sup>My son, listen to my words; bow down your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup>Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. <sup>22</sup>For they *are* life to those who find them, and health to all his flesh.

<sup>23</sup>Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. <sup>24</sup>Put away from you a wicked mouth, and wicked lips put far from you. <sup>25</sup>Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. <sup>26</sup>Ponder the path of your feet, and all your ways *will be* established. <sup>27</sup>Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left; remove your foot from evil.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>My son, listen to my wisdom; bow your ear to my understanding; <sup>2</sup>in order to keep discretion, that your lips may keep knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate is sweeter than oil; <sup>4</sup>but afterward she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. <sup>5</sup>Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell, <sup>6</sup>lest you should meditate on the path of life, her paths are movable; you cannot know *them*.

<sup>7</sup>And now hear me, O sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. <sup>8</sup>Remove your ways far from her, and do not come near the door of her house, <sup>9</sup>lest you give your honor to others and your years to the cruel; <sup>10</sup>that strangers not be filled *with* your strength, and your labors *be* in the house of a stranger; <sup>11</sup>and you moan when your end *comes*, when your flesh and muscle are eaten away, <sup>12</sup>and say, How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction; <sup>13</sup>and I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor bowed down my ears to those who taught me! <sup>14</sup>I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

<sup>15</sup>Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well. <sup>16</sup>Should your overflowing spring be scattered abroad as rivers of waters in the streets. <sup>17</sup>Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you. <sup>18</sup>Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup>Like the loving hind and pleasant roe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished always

with her love. <sup>20</sup>And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? <sup>21</sup>For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and He watches all his paths. <sup>22</sup>His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cords of his sin. <sup>23</sup>He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>My son, if you are surety for your friend, *if* you struck your palms with a stranger, <sup>2</sup>you are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth. <sup>3</sup>My son, do this now, and deliver yourself when you have come into the hand of your friend; go, humble yourself and make your friend sure. <sup>4</sup>Do not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids. <sup>5</sup>Deliver yourself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

<sup>6</sup>Go to the ant, sluggard; consider her ways and be wise; <sup>7</sup>who, having no guide, overseer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup>provides her food in the summer *and* gathers her food in the harvest. <sup>9</sup>How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep? <sup>10</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down; <sup>11</sup>so shall your poverty come as one who travels, and your need like an armed man. <sup>12</sup>A worthless person, a wicked man walks *with* a crooked mouth, <sup>13</sup>winking with his eyes, speaking with his feet, teaching with his fingers; <sup>14</sup>perversity *is* in his heart; he is always planning mischief; he causes fighting. <sup>15</sup>Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; he is quickly broken, and there is no healing. <sup>16</sup>These six the LORD hates; yea, seven are hateful to Him: <sup>17</sup>a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>a heart that plots wicked plans, feet hurrying to run to evil; <sup>19</sup>a false witness *who* speaks lies, and he who causes fighting among brothers.

<sup>20</sup>My son, keep your father's commandments, and do not forsake the law of your mother; <sup>21</sup>bind them upon your heart forever, tie them around your neck. <sup>22</sup>When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and *when* you awake, it shall talk with you. <sup>23</sup>For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life; <sup>24</sup>to keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. <sup>25</sup>Do not lust after her beauty in your heart; nor let her take you with her eyelids. <sup>26</sup>For by means of a harlot *a man comes* to a piece of bread; and *another* man's wife will hunt for the precious life. <sup>27</sup>Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? <sup>28</sup>Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? <sup>29</sup>So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

<sup>30</sup>They do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; <sup>31</sup>but *if* he is found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the goods of his house. <sup>32</sup>Whoever commits adultery *with* a woman lacks understanding; he who does it destroys his own soul. <sup>33</sup>He shall get a wound and dishonor; and his shame shall not be wiped away. <sup>34</sup>For jealousy *is* the rage of a man; therefore he will not spare in the day of judgment. <sup>35</sup>He will not take any ransom; nor will he be willing if you multiply the gifts.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>My son, keep my words and store up my commandments within you. <sup>2</sup>Keep my commandments and live; and keep my law as the apple of your eye. <sup>3</sup>Bind them upon your fingers; write them upon the tablets of your heart. <sup>4</sup>Say to wisdom, You are my sister; and call understanding *your* friend, <sup>5</sup>so that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the stranger *who* flatters with her words. <sup>6</sup>For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, <sup>7</sup>and I saw among the simple ones, among the youths, a young man with no understanding, <sup>8</sup>passing through

the street near her corner. And he went the way to her house, <sup>9</sup>in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night. <sup>10</sup>And, behold, there a woman met him, with the dress of a harlot and a guarded heart. <sup>11</sup>She is loud and stubborn; her feet do not stay in her house; <sup>12</sup>now *she is* outside, now in the streets, and lies in wait at every corner. <sup>13</sup>And she caught him and kissed him, and with a hard face she said to him, <sup>14</sup>*I have* peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows. <sup>15</sup>so I came out to meet you, earnestly to seek your face, and I have found you. <sup>16</sup>I have decked my beds with coverings, with striped cloths of Egyptian linen. <sup>17</sup>I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. <sup>18</sup>Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses. <sup>19</sup>For my husband *is* not at home, he has gone on a long journey; <sup>20</sup>he has taken a bag of money with him *and* will come home at the day of the full moon. <sup>21</sup>With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. <sup>22</sup>He goes after her immediately, like an ox goes to the slaughter, or like a fool to the correction of the stocks; <sup>23</sup>until a dart strikes through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare and does not know that it is for his soul.

<sup>24</sup>And now listen to me, sons, and attend to the words of my mouth. <sup>25</sup>Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not go astray in her paths. <sup>26</sup>For she has cast down many wounded; yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. <sup>27</sup>Her house is the way to hell, going down to the rooms of death.

#### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call? And does not understanding put forth her voice? <sup>2</sup>She stands in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the path. <sup>3</sup>She cries in the gates, in the entrance of the city, at the coming in of the doors. <sup>4</sup>To you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man. <sup>5</sup>O simple ones understand wisdom; and, fools, be of an understanding heart. <sup>6</sup>Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things. <sup>7</sup>For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* hateful to my lips. <sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; nothing twisted or perverse *is* in them. <sup>9</sup>They *are* all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. <sup>10</sup>Receive my instruction and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. <sup>11</sup>For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

<sup>12</sup>I, wisdom, dwell with sense, and find out knowledge of wise things. <sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; I hate pride, and the love of self, and the evil way, and the wicked mouth. <sup>14</sup>Counsel and sound wisdom *are* Mine; I *am* understanding; I have strength. <sup>15</sup>By Me kings reign and princes decree justice. <sup>16</sup>Princes rule by Me, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. <sup>17</sup>I love those who love Me; and those who seek Me early shall find Me. <sup>18</sup>Riches and honor *are* with Me; enduring riches and righteousness. <sup>19</sup>My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and what I give is better than choice silver. <sup>20</sup>I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment; <sup>21</sup>I may cause those who love Me to inherit riches; and I will fill their treasuries.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. <sup>23</sup>I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth ever was. <sup>24</sup>When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no springs heavy with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; <sup>26</sup>before He had made the earth, or the fields or the highest part of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup>When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when He set a circle upon the face of the deep; <sup>28</sup>when He set the clouds above; when He made the fountains of the deep strong; <sup>29</sup>when He gave to the sea its limit that

the waters should not pass His command; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; <sup>30</sup>and I was a workman at His side; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him; <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in the world, His earth; and My delight was with the sons of men.

<sup>32</sup>And now listen to Me, O sons; for blessed are those who keep My ways. <sup>33</sup>Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not refuse it. <sup>34</sup>Blessed is the man who hears Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors. <sup>35</sup>For whoever finds Me finds life, and shall obtain favor from the LORD. <sup>36</sup>But he who sins against Me wrongs his own soul; all who hate Me love death.

#### CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars; <sup>2</sup>she has killed her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women; she cries upon the highest places of the city, <sup>4</sup>The simple one, let him turn in here. To one lacking heart, she says to him, <sup>5</sup>Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Forsake the foolish and live; and go in the way of understanding. <sup>7</sup>He who reproves a scorner gets shame to himself; and he who rebukes a wicked man gets himself a blot. <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scorner, lest he hate you; give to a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup>Give to a wise one, and he will be still wiser; teach a just one, and he will increase in learning.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. <sup>11</sup>For by Me your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased. <sup>12</sup>If you are wise, you shall be wise for yourself; but if you scorn, you alone shall bear it. <sup>13</sup>A foolish woman is noisy; she is simple and knows nothing. <sup>14</sup>For she sits at the door of her house, in a seat in the high places of the city, <sup>15</sup>to call those who pass by, who are going straight on their ways; <sup>16</sup>The simple one, let him turn in here. And to one lacking heart, she says to him, <sup>17</sup>Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. <sup>18</sup>But he does not know that the dead are there; her guests are in the depths of hell.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son is the sorrow of his mother. <sup>2</sup>Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivers from death. <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry; but He casts away the desire of the wicked. <sup>4</sup>He who deals with a lazy hand becomes poor; but the hand of the hard worker makes rich. <sup>5</sup>He who gathers in summer is a wise son; but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame. <sup>6</sup>Blessings are on the head of the just; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. <sup>7</sup>The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot. <sup>8</sup>The wise in heart will receive commandments; but a babbling fool shall fall. <sup>9</sup>He who walks uprightly walks surely; but he who twists his way shall be known. <sup>10</sup>He who winks with the eye causes sorrow; but a babbling fool shall fall. <sup>11</sup>The mouth of a righteous one is a well of life; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. <sup>12</sup>Hatred stirs up fights; but love covers all sins. <sup>13</sup>In the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found; but a rod is for the back of him who is without understanding. <sup>14</sup>Wise ones store up knowledge; but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin. <sup>15</sup>The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the ruin of the poor is their poverty. <sup>16</sup>The labor of the righteous tends to life; the fruit of the wicked tends to sin. <sup>17</sup>He who keeps instruction is in the way of life; but he who refuses reproof goes astray. <sup>18</sup>He who hides hatred with lying lips, and he who speaks a slander, is a fool. <sup>19</sup>In the multitude of words, sin is not lacking; but he who holds back his lips is wise. <sup>20</sup>The tongue of the just is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is worth little. <sup>21</sup>The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for lack

of wisdom. <sup>22</sup>The blessing of the LORD itself makes rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. <sup>23</sup>To work out evil devises *is* as laughter to a fool; so wisdom *is* to a man of understanding. <sup>24</sup>What the wicked fears shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. <sup>25</sup>As the storm passes, so the wicked *is* no *more*; but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation. <sup>26</sup>Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to those who send him. <sup>27</sup>The fear of the LORD prolongs days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. <sup>28</sup>The hope of the righteous *is* gladness; but the hope of the wicked shall perish. <sup>29</sup>The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright; but ruin *is* to the workers of iniquity. <sup>30</sup>The righteous shall never be moved; and the wicked shall not live in the earth. <sup>31</sup>The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom; but the perverse tongue shall be cut out. <sup>32</sup>The lips of the righteous know what is pleasing; but the mouth of the wicked *what is* contrary.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>A false balance *is* hateful to the LORD; but a just weight *is* His delight. <sup>2</sup>Pride comes, then shame comes; but with the lowly *is* wisdom. <sup>3</sup>The purity of the upright shall guide them; but the crookedness of transgressors shall destroy them. <sup>4</sup>Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. <sup>5</sup>The righteousness of the perfect shall make his way right; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. <sup>6</sup>The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; but deceivers shall be taken in lust. <sup>7</sup>When a wicked man dies, *his* hope shall perish; and the hope of evil ones shall be *is* lost. <sup>8</sup>The righteous *is* delivered out of trouble, and the wicked comes *in* his place. <sup>9</sup>A hypocrite corrupts his neighbor with his mouth; but through knowledge the just shall be delivered. <sup>10</sup>When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked are destroyed, there *is* singing. <sup>11</sup>By the blessing of the upright the city is lifted up; but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. <sup>12</sup>One despising his friend lacks heart; but a man of understanding remains silent. <sup>13</sup>A talebearer reveals secrets; but he who *is* of a faithful spirit keeps the matter hidden. <sup>14</sup>Where there *is* no wisdom, the people fall; but in the multitude of wise men there *is* safety.

<sup>15</sup>He who *is* surety for a stranger shall be ruined; and he who hates suretyship *is* safe. <sup>16</sup>A gracious woman keeps honor; and the strong keep riches. <sup>17</sup>The merciful man does good to his own soul; but he who *is* cruel troubles his own flesh. <sup>18</sup>The wicked makes a deceitful wage; but one sowing righteousness *has* a sure reward. <sup>19</sup>So righteousness *tends* to life; but one pursuing evil, *it is* to his own death. <sup>20</sup>They who are of a crooked heart *are* hateful to the LORD; but the upright in the way *are* His delight. <sup>21</sup>*Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be innocent; but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. <sup>22</sup>Like a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so *is* a beautiful woman who turns aside discretion. <sup>23</sup>The desire of the righteous *is* only good; *but* the hope of the wicked *is* wrath. <sup>24</sup>There *is* one who scatters and yet increases; but one who withholds just due *comes* only to poverty. <sup>25</sup>The soul who gives freely shall be made fat; and he who waters shall also be watered himself. <sup>26</sup>He who withholds grain, the people shall curse him; but blessing *is* on the head of him who sells. <sup>27</sup>He who carefully seeks good gets favor; but he who seeks mischief, it shall come to him. <sup>28</sup>He who trusts in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall blossom like a branch. <sup>29</sup>He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise in heart. <sup>30</sup>The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he who wins souls *is* wise. <sup>31</sup>Behold, the righteous shall be rewarded in the earth; much more the wicked and the sinner.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge; but he who hates correction is like an animal. <sup>2</sup>The good gets grace from the LORD; but He will condemn a man of wicked thoughts. <sup>3</sup>A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. <sup>4</sup>A woman of virtue is a crown to her husband; but she who causes shame is like rotteness in his bones. <sup>5</sup>The thoughts of the righteous are right; the counsels of the wicked are deceit. <sup>6</sup>The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them. <sup>7</sup>The wicked are overthrown, and are gone; but the house of the righteous shall stand. <sup>8</sup>A man shall be praised according to his wisdom; but he who is of a crooked heart shall be despised. <sup>9</sup>Better is a despised one, and having a servant, than he being honored and lacks bread. <sup>10</sup>A righteous one understands the soul of his animal; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. <sup>11</sup>He who tills his land shall be satisfied with bread; but he who follows vain persons is without understanding. <sup>12</sup>The wicked desires the net of evil men; but the root of the righteous yields fruit. <sup>13</sup>The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips; but the just shall come out of trouble. <sup>14</sup>A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the reward of a man's hands shall be given to him. <sup>15</sup>The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he who listens to advice is wise. <sup>16</sup>A fool's vexation is known in a day; but the astute one covers shame. <sup>17</sup>He who breathes truth shows forth righteousness; but a false witness deceit. <sup>18</sup>There are those who speak like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals. <sup>19</sup>The lips of truth shall be established forever; but only while I wink is a lying tongue. <sup>20</sup>Deceit is in the heart of those who imagine evil; but to counselors of peace there is joy. <sup>21</sup>No evil shall happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief. <sup>22</sup>Lying lips are hateful to the LORD; but those who deal truly are His delight. <sup>23</sup>A wise man conceals knowledge; but the heart of fools cries out foolishness. <sup>24</sup>The hand of the hard worker shall bear rule, but the lazy shall be under service. <sup>25</sup>Heaviness in the heart of man makes it stoop; but a good word makes it glad. <sup>26</sup>The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor; but the way of the wicked seduces them. <sup>27</sup>The lazy one does not start after his game; but the wealth of a hard worker is precious. <sup>28</sup>In the way of righteousness is life; and in that pathway there is no death.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>A wise son heeds his father's instruction; but a scorner does not hear rebuke. <sup>2</sup>From the fruit of his mouth a man shall eat good; but the soul of the treacherous eats violence. <sup>3</sup>He who keeps his mouth keeps his life; but he who opens his lips wide shall be ruined. <sup>4</sup>The soul of the sluggard desires and has nothing; but the soul of the hard worker shall be made fat. <sup>5</sup>The righteous hates lying; but the wicked one is odious and acts shamefully. <sup>6</sup>Righteousness keeps him who is upright in the way; but wickedness overthrows the sinner. <sup>7</sup>There are those who act rich, yet have nothing; and those who act poor, yet have great riches. <sup>8</sup>The ransom of a man's life is his riches; but the poor does not hear rebuke. <sup>9</sup>The light of the righteous rejoices; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out. <sup>10</sup>Only by pride comes argument; but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup>Wealth gotten by vanity shall be taken away; but he who gathers by labor shall increase. <sup>12</sup>Hope put off makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life. <sup>13</sup>Whoever despises the word shall be destroyed; but he who fears the commandment shall be rewarded. <sup>14</sup>The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. <sup>15</sup>Good understanding gives favor; but the way of transgressors is hard. <sup>16</sup>Every wise one deals with knowledge; but a fool lays open his folly. <sup>17</sup>A wicked

messenger falls into mischief; but a faithful ambassador is health. <sup>18</sup>Poverty and shame shall be to him who refuses instruction; but he who listens to correction *shall be* honored. <sup>19</sup>The desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul; but it is hateful to fools to turn from evil. <sup>20</sup>He who walks with the wise shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. <sup>21</sup>Evil pursues sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid. <sup>22</sup>A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his sons' sons; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. <sup>23</sup>Much food is in the plowed ground of the poor; but there *are* those who *are* destroyed for lack of judgment. <sup>24</sup>He who spares his rod hates his son; but he who loves him chastens him early. <sup>25</sup>The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul; but the belly of the wicked shall lack.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>A wise woman builds her house; but the foolish plucks it down with her hands. <sup>2</sup>He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD; but *he who is* perverse in his ways despises Him. <sup>3</sup>In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise shall keep them. <sup>4</sup>Where no oxen *are*, the crib is empty; but much gain is by the strength of the ox. <sup>5</sup>A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will speak lies. <sup>6</sup>A scorner seeks wisdom, and does not *find it*; but knowledge is easy to him who understands. <sup>7</sup>Go from the presence of a foolish man when you do not see *in him* the lips of knowledge. <sup>8</sup>The wisdom of the wise is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is deceit. <sup>9</sup>Fools laugh at sin; but among the righteous there is favor. <sup>10</sup>The heart knows its own bitterness; and a stranger does not share in its joy. <sup>11</sup>The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; but the tent of the upright shall be blessed. <sup>12</sup>There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end of it *are* the ways of death. <sup>13</sup>Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that joy is heaviness. <sup>14</sup>The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways; and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself. <sup>15</sup>The simple believes every word; but the wise man watches his step. <sup>16</sup>A wise one fears and departs from evil; but the fool rages and is sure. <sup>17</sup>*He who is* soon angry deals foolishly; and a man of wicked thoughts is hated. <sup>18</sup>The simple inherit folly; but the wise are crowned with knowledge. <sup>19</sup>The evil bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous. <sup>20</sup>The poor is hated even by his own neighbor; but the rich *has* many friends. <sup>21</sup>He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he. <sup>22</sup>Do not those who think evil go astray? But mercy and truth *shall be* to those who think of good. <sup>23</sup>In all labor there is gain; but the talk of the lips *tends* only to poverty. <sup>24</sup>The crown of the wise is their riches of wisdom; but the foolishness of fools is folly. <sup>25</sup>A true witness delivers souls; but a deceitful witness speaks lies. <sup>26</sup>In the fear of the LORD is strong hope; and His sons shall have a place of refuge. <sup>27</sup>The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life to turn aside from the snares of death. <sup>28</sup>In the multitude of people is the king's honor; but in the lack of people is the ruin of the prince. <sup>29</sup>*He who is* slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he who is hasty of spirit exalts folly. <sup>30</sup>A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the rottenness of the bones. <sup>31</sup>He who presses the poor curses his Maker; but he who honors Him has mercy upon the poor. <sup>32</sup>The wicked is driven away in his wickedness; but the righteous has hope in his death. <sup>33</sup>Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding; and among fools it is made known. <sup>34</sup>Righteousness lifts up a nation; but sin is a shame to any people. <sup>35</sup>The king's favor is toward a wise servant; but his wrath is *against* him who causes shame.

#### CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>A soft answer turns away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. <sup>2</sup>The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly; but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.



<sup>3</sup>The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good. <sup>4</sup>A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life; but crookedness in it *is* a break in the spirit. <sup>5</sup>A fool despises his father's instruction; but he who listens to correction is wise. <sup>6</sup>In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure; but in the gain of the wicked *is* trouble. <sup>7</sup>The lips of the righteous send forth knowledge; but the heart of the foolish is not so. <sup>8</sup>The sacrifice of the wicked *is* a hateful thing to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright *is* His delight. <sup>9</sup>The way of the wicked *is* hateful to the LORD; but He loves him who pursues righteousness. <sup>10</sup>Correction *is* grievous to him who forsakes the way; he who hates reproof shall die. <sup>11</sup>Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD; even more the hearts of the sons of men? <sup>12</sup>A scorner does not love one who corrects him; nor will he go to the wise. <sup>13</sup>A merry heart makes a cheerful face; but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. <sup>14</sup>The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge; but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. <sup>15</sup>All the days of the afflicted *are* evil; but he who is of a merry heart *has* a feast every day. <sup>16</sup>Better *is* a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble without it. <sup>17</sup>Better *is* a dinner of vegetables where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred with it. <sup>18</sup>A wrathful man stirs up fighting; but one slow to anger calms fighting. <sup>19</sup>The way of the lazy one *is* like a hedge of thorns; but the way of the righteous *is* made plain. <sup>20</sup>A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish man despises his mother. <sup>21</sup>Folly *is* joy to him who *is* without any wisdom; but a man of understanding walks uprightly. <sup>22</sup>Without wisdom, purposes are defeated; but in the multitude of wise men they are established. <sup>23</sup>A man has joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good it *is*! <sup>24</sup>The way of life *is* above to the wise, so that he may turn away from hell below. <sup>25</sup>The LORD will destroy the house of the proud; but He will set up the border of the widow. <sup>26</sup>The thoughts of the wicked *are* very hateful to the LORD; but the words of the pure *are* pleasant words. <sup>27</sup>He who *is* greedy for gain troubles his own house; but he who hates bribes shall live. <sup>28</sup>The heart of the righteous studies to answer; but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. <sup>29</sup>The LORD *is* far from the wicked; but He hears the prayer of the righteous. <sup>30</sup>The light of the eyes rejoices the heart; and a good report makes the bones fat. <sup>31</sup>The ear that hears the reproof of life shall remain among the wise. <sup>32</sup>He who refuses instruction despises his own soul; but he who hears reproof gets understanding. <sup>33</sup>The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honor *is* humility.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>The ordering of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD. <sup>2</sup>All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weighs the spirits. <sup>3</sup>Roll your works upon the LORD, and your thoughts shall be blessed. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has made all *things* for Himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. <sup>5</sup>Everyone proud in heart *is* hateful to the LORD; *though* hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. <sup>6</sup>By mercy and truth, iniquity *is* purged; and by the fear of the LORD men turn away from evil. <sup>7</sup>When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup>Better *is* a little with righteousness than great gain without right. <sup>9</sup>A man's heart plans his way; but the LORD directs his steps. <sup>10</sup>A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king; his mouth does not transgress in judgment. <sup>11</sup>A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S; all the weights of the bag *are* His work. <sup>12</sup>It *is* a hateful thing for kings to commit wickedness; for the throne *is* established by righteousness. <sup>13</sup>Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him who speaks right. <sup>14</sup>The wrath of a king *is* as messengers of death; but a wise man will quiet it. <sup>15</sup>In the light of the king's face *is* life; and his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter rain. <sup>16</sup>How much better it *is* to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding *is* rather to be chosen than

silver! <sup>17</sup>The way of the upright is to turn away from evil; he who keeps his way guards his soul. <sup>18</sup>Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. <sup>19</sup>It is better to be of an humble spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud. <sup>20</sup>He who handles a matter wisely shall find good; and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he. <sup>21</sup>The wise in heart shall be called prudent; and the sweetness of the lips increases learning. <sup>22</sup>Understanding is a fountain of life to him who has it; but the instruction of fools is folly. <sup>23</sup>The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips. <sup>24</sup>Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. <sup>25</sup>There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it are the ways of death. <sup>26</sup>He who labors works for himself; for his mouth craves it from him. <sup>27</sup>An ungodly man plots evil; and his lips are like a burning fire. <sup>28</sup>A perverse man causes fighting; and a whisperer separates chief friends. <sup>29</sup>A violent man lures his neighbor and leads him into the way that is not good. <sup>30</sup>He shuts his eyes to think of crooked things; moving his lips, he brings evil to pass. <sup>31</sup>The gray head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness. <sup>32</sup>He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city. <sup>33</sup>The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole ordering of it is from the LORD.

### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>Better is a dry piece of bread, and quietness with it, than a house full of sacrifices with fighting. <sup>2</sup>A wise servant shall have rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brothers. <sup>3</sup>The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the LORD tries the hearts. <sup>4</sup>A wicked doer gives heed to false lips; and a liar gives ear to an evil tongue. <sup>5</sup>Whoever scorns the poor reviles his Maker; he who is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. <sup>6</sup>Sons's sons are the crown of old men; and the glory of sons are their fathers. <sup>7</sup>An excellent lip is not fitting for a fool; much less are lying lips fitting for a prince. <sup>8</sup>A bribe is like a precious stone in the eyes of him who has it; wherever it turns, it prospers. <sup>9</sup>He who covers a transgression seeks love; but he who repeats a matter separates friends. <sup>10</sup>A reproof enters more into a wise man than a thousand stripes into a fool. <sup>11</sup>An evil one seeks only rebellion; so a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. <sup>12</sup>Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. <sup>13</sup>Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. <sup>14</sup>The beginning of strife is like letting out water; therefore leave off fighting, before it is meddled with. <sup>15</sup>He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, even both of them are hateful to the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, since he has no heart for it? <sup>17</sup>A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for the time of trouble. <sup>18</sup>A man lacking heart strikes hands; he pledges in the presence of his friend. <sup>19</sup>He who loves fighting loves transgression; he who makes his gate high seeks ruin. <sup>20</sup>He who has a crooked heart finds no good; and he who has a crooked tongue falls into mischief. <sup>21</sup>He who fathers a fool does it to his sorrow; and the father of a fool has no joy. <sup>22</sup>A merry heart does good like a medicine; but a broken spirit dries the bones. <sup>23</sup>A wicked man takes a bribe out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. <sup>24</sup>Wisdom is before him who has understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth. <sup>25</sup>A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him. <sup>26</sup>And it is not good to punish the just, nor to strike princes for uprightness. <sup>27</sup>He who has knowledge uses few words; a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. <sup>28</sup>Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise; and he who shuts his lips is counted a man of understanding.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>He that separates himself seeks *his* own desire; he breaks out against all sound wisdom. <sup>2</sup>A fool has no delight in understanding, but only that his heart may lay itself bare. <sup>3</sup>When the wicked comes, scorn also comes, and with shame comes reproach. <sup>4</sup>The words of a man's mouth *are like* deep waters; the fountain of wisdom *is like* a flowing brook. <sup>5</sup>*It is* not good to favor the person of the wicked, *nor* to overthrow the righteous in judgment. <sup>6</sup>A fool's lips enter into argument, and his mouth calls for strokes. <sup>7</sup>A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul. <sup>8</sup>The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. <sup>9</sup>Also he who is slack in his work is brother to a great destroyer. <sup>10</sup>The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. <sup>11</sup>The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as a high wall in his own mind. <sup>12</sup>Before ruin, the heart of man is proud, and before honor *is* humility. <sup>13</sup>If one answers a matter before he hears *it*, *it is* folly and shame to him. <sup>14</sup>The spirit of a man will nourish his sickness; but a wounded spirit who can bear? <sup>15</sup>The heart of the prudent gets knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. <sup>16</sup>A man's bribe makes room for him, and brings him before great men. <sup>17</sup>*He who is* first in his cause seems just; but his neighbor comes and searches him. <sup>18</sup>The lot causes arguments to cease, and divides between the mighty. <sup>19</sup>A brother offended *is like* a strong city; and their disagreements are like the bars of a castle. <sup>20</sup>A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; he shall be satisfied with the product of his lips. <sup>21</sup>Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue; and those who love it shall eat the fruit of it. <sup>22</sup>*Whoever* finds a wife finds good and gets favor from the LORD. <sup>23</sup>The poor speaks humble requests, but the rich answers roughly. <sup>24</sup>A man *who has* friends must show himself friendly; and there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>Better *is* the poor who walks in his honesty than *he who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. <sup>2</sup>Also without knowledge the soul *is* not good; and he who hurries with *his* feet sins. <sup>3</sup>The foolishness of man overturns his way; and his heart frets against the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he who* speaks lies shall not escape. <sup>6</sup>Many will beg the favor of a ruler; and all are friends to a man *who gives* gifts. <sup>7</sup>All the brothers of the poor man hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him? He pursues *them with* words, yet they *are* lacking. <sup>8</sup>He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding shall find good. <sup>9</sup>A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he who* speaks lies shall perish. <sup>10</sup>Luxury is not becoming for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes. <sup>11</sup>The judgment of a man puts off his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression. <sup>12</sup>The king's wrath *is like* the roaring of a lion; but his favor *is like* dew on the grass. <sup>13</sup>A foolish son *is* ruin to his father; and the quarreling of a wife *is* a never-ending dripping. <sup>14</sup>Houses and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Laziness throws one into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. <sup>16</sup>He who keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; *he who* despises His ways shall die. <sup>17</sup>He who has pity upon the poor lends to the LORD; and He will reward his dealing to him. <sup>18</sup>Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not let your soul spare for his crying. <sup>19</sup>A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment; for if you deliver *him* yet you must do it again. <sup>20</sup>Hear *advice*, and receive instruction, so that you may be wise in your later days. <sup>21</sup>There *are* many purposes in a man's heart; but the counsel of the LORD shall stand. <sup>22</sup>The charm of a man *is* his kindness; and a poor man *is* better

than a liar. <sup>23</sup>The fear of the LORD *tends* to life, and he rests satisfied; he shall not be visited *with* evil. <sup>24</sup>A lazy one puts his hand in a dish, and he will not return it to his mouth. <sup>25</sup>Strike a scorner, and the simple will beware; reprove one who has understanding, and he will understand knowledge. <sup>26</sup>He who assaults *his* father and chases away his mother *is* a son who causes shame and brings reproach. <sup>27</sup>My son, cease to hear the instruction, *only* to stray from the words of knowledge. <sup>28</sup>An ungodly witness scorns judgment; and the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity. <sup>29</sup>Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging; and whoever is deceived by it is not wise. <sup>2</sup>The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion; *whoever* stirs him up to anger sins *against* his own soul. <sup>3</sup>It *is* an honor for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling. <sup>4</sup>The lazy one will not plow; after the autumn he shall beg in harvest and have nothing. <sup>5</sup>Wisdom in the heart of man *is* like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. <sup>6</sup>Most men will proclaim each his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find? <sup>7</sup>The just *man* walks in his purity; his sons *are* blessed after him. <sup>8</sup>A king who sits in the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes. <sup>9</sup>Who can say, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin? <sup>10</sup>Different kinds of weights, different kinds of measures, both *are* hateful to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Even a child is known by his own doings, whether his work *is* pure and whether it *is* right. <sup>12</sup>The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made both of them. <sup>13</sup>Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes and you shall be satisfied with bread. <sup>14</sup>*It is* bad! Bad, says the buyer; but when he has gone his way, then he boasts. <sup>15</sup>There is gold and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge *are* a rare jewel. <sup>16</sup>Take the garment of *him who is* surety *for* a stranger; and take a pledge from *him* for a strange woman. <sup>17</sup>Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. <sup>18</sup>Purposes *are* established by counsel; and with good advice make war. <sup>19</sup>A gossip *is* a revealer of secrets; so do not mix with *him* who flatters with his lips. <sup>20</sup>Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in deep darkness. <sup>21</sup>An inheritance gotten hastily in the beginning, even the end of it shall not be blessed. <sup>22</sup>Do not say, I will repay evil; wait on the LORD, and He will save you. <sup>23</sup>Different kinds of weights *are* hateful to the LORD, and a false balance *is* not good. <sup>24</sup>Man's steps *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way? <sup>25</sup>*It is* a snare *to* a man *to* say rashly, A holy thing, and afterward vows to ask about it. <sup>26</sup>A wise king scatters the wicked and brings the wheel over them. <sup>27</sup>The spirit of man *is* the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly. <sup>28</sup>Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by mercy. <sup>29</sup>The glory of young men *is* their strength; and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head. <sup>30</sup>The stripes of a wound cleanses away evil; and strokes the inward parts of the belly.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD as the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He will. <sup>2</sup>Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes; but the LORD ponders the hearts. <sup>3</sup>To do justice and judgment *is* more pleasing to the LORD than sacrifice. <sup>4</sup>A high look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin. <sup>5</sup>The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenty; but the thoughts of everyone who *is* hasty only to poverty. <sup>6</sup>The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro by those who seek death. <sup>7</sup>The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment. <sup>8</sup>The way of a guilty man *is* perverted; but the pure, his work *is* right. <sup>9</sup>*It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a quarrelsome woman in a wide house. <sup>10</sup>The soul of the

wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes. <sup>11</sup>When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. <sup>12</sup>The righteous wisely considers the house of the wicked; *but God* overthrows the wicked for *their* wickedness. <sup>13</sup>Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. <sup>14</sup>A gift in secret quiets anger; and a bribe in the bosom *quiets* strong wrath. <sup>15</sup>*It is* joy to the just to do judgment; but terror *shall be* to the workers of iniquity. <sup>16</sup>The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly of departed spirits. <sup>17</sup>He who loves pleasure *shall be* a poor man; he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich. <sup>18</sup>The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright. <sup>19</sup>*It is* better to dwell in the wilderness than with a quarrelsome and angry woman. <sup>20</sup>There *is* treasure to be desired, and oil, and the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up. <sup>21</sup>He who follows after righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor. <sup>22</sup>A wise one scales the city of the mighty and brings down the strength of its hope. <sup>23</sup>Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles. <sup>24</sup>Proud, haughty scorner *is* his name, he who deals in proud wrath. <sup>25</sup>The desire of the lazy man kills him, for his hands have refused to work. <sup>26</sup>He covets greedily all the day long; but the righteous gives and spares not. <sup>27</sup>The sacrifice of the wicked *is* hateful to God; how much more *when* he brings it with a wicked mind? <sup>28</sup>A false witness shall perish; but the man who hears speaks on and on. <sup>29</sup>A wicked man hardens his face; but *as for* the upright, he directs his way. <sup>30</sup>There *is* no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the LORD. <sup>31</sup>The horse *is* prepared for the day of battle; but safety *is* from the LORD.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>A good name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favor rather than silver or gold. <sup>2</sup>The rich and poor meet together; the LORD *is* the maker of them all. <sup>3</sup>A prudent one foresees the evil and hides himself; but the simple pass on and are punished. <sup>4</sup>By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches and honor and life. <sup>5</sup>Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse; he who keeps his soul shall be far from them. <sup>6</sup>Train up a child in the way *he should go*; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. <sup>7</sup>The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender. <sup>8</sup>He who sows iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail. <sup>9</sup>He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor. <sup>10</sup>Cast out the scorner, and fighting shall go out; yes, quarrels and shame shall cease. <sup>11</sup>He who loves pureness of heart, grace *is on* his lips; the king *shall be* his friend. <sup>12</sup>The eyes of the LORD keep knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the transgressor. <sup>13</sup>The lazy one says, There *is* a lion outside; I shall be killed in the streets. <sup>14</sup>The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit; he who *is* despised by the LORD shall fall into it. <sup>15</sup>Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. <sup>16</sup>He who crushes the poor to multiply *for* himself, *and* he who gives to the rich, *shall surely come* to poverty.

<sup>17</sup>Bow down your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge. <sup>18</sup>For *it is* a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; they shall all be fitted in your lips, <sup>19</sup>so that your trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to you this day, even to you. <sup>20</sup>Have I not written to you excellent things in counsel and knowledge, <sup>21</sup>that I might make you know the sureness of the words of truth; that you might answer the words of truth to those who send to you? <sup>22</sup>Do not rob the poor, because he *is* poor; nor press down the afflicted in the gate; <sup>23</sup>for the LORD will plead their cause, and strip the soul of those who plunder

them. <sup>24</sup>Make no friendship with an angry man; and you shall not go up with a man of fury, <sup>25</sup>lest you learn his ways and get a snare to your soul. <sup>26</sup>Be not *one of those* who strike hands. or of those who are sureties for debts. <sup>27</sup>If you have nothing to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you? <sup>28</sup>Do not remove the old landmark which your fathers have set. <sup>29</sup>Do you see a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before unknown men.

### CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>When you sit down to eat with a ruler, look carefully at what *is* before you; <sup>2</sup>and put a knife to your throat, if you *are* a man given to appetite. <sup>3</sup>Do not desire his dainties, for they *are* deceitful food. <sup>4</sup>Do not labor to be rich; cease from your own understanding. <sup>5</sup>Will your eyes fly on it? And it *is* gone! For surely it makes wings for itself; it flies *into* the heavens like an eagle. <sup>6</sup>Do not eat the bread of *him who has* an evil eye, nor desire his dainty foods; <sup>7</sup>for as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he; Eat and drink, he says to you; but his heart *is* not with you. <sup>8</sup>The piece which you have eaten, you shall vomit up, and lose your sweet words. <sup>9</sup>Do not speak in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of your words. <sup>10</sup>Do not remove the old landmarks; and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless; <sup>11</sup>for their Redeemer *is* mighty; He shall plead their cause with you. <sup>12</sup>Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to the words of knowledge. <sup>13</sup>Do not withhold correction from the child, for *if* you beat him with the rod, he will not die. <sup>14</sup>You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell. <sup>15</sup>My son, if your heart is wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. <sup>16</sup>Yea, my heart shall rejoice when your lips speak right things. <sup>17</sup>Do not let your heart envy sinners; but *be* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. <sup>18</sup>For surely there is an end; and your hope shall not be cut off. <sup>19</sup>My son, hear and be wise, and guide your heart in the way. <sup>20</sup>Do not be among those who drink much wine; among those who eat too much, <sup>21</sup>for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and sleepiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. <sup>22</sup>Listen to your father who fathered you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. <sup>23</sup>Buy the truth, and sell it not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. <sup>24</sup>The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he who fathers a wise *child* shall have joy from him. <sup>25</sup>Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice. <sup>26</sup>My son, give Me your heart, and let your eyes watch My ways. <sup>27</sup>For a harlot *is* a deep ditch, and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit. <sup>28</sup>She also lies in wait as *for* a prey, and increases the treacherous among men. <sup>29</sup>Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has fighting? Who has babbling? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? <sup>30</sup>Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek mixed wine. <sup>31</sup>Do not look upon the wine when it is red, when it gives its color in the cup, when it goes down smoothly <sup>32</sup>At the last it bites like an asp and stings like an adder. <sup>33</sup>Your eyes shall look upon strange women and your heart shall speak perverse things. <sup>34</sup>Yes, you shall be as he who lies down in the middle of the sea, or as he who lies upon the top of a mast, <sup>35</sup>*saying*, They struck me; I was not sick; they have beaten me, I did not feel it. When I awake, I will still go after it again.

### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>Do not be jealous of evil men, nor desire to be with them. <sup>2</sup>For their heart studies ruin, and their lips talk of mischief. <sup>3</sup>Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; <sup>4</sup>and by knowledge the rooms shall be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. <sup>5</sup>A wise man *is* strong; yes, a man of knowledge increases strength. <sup>6</sup>For by wise counsel you shall make your war; and in a multitude of wise men there *is* safety. <sup>7</sup>Wisdom *is* too high for a fool; he does not open his mouth in the gate. <sup>8</sup>He who plots to do evil shall be called a master

of wicked thoughts. <sup>9</sup>The thought of foolishness *is* sin; and the scorner *is* hateful to men. <sup>10</sup>If you faint in the day of trial, your strength *is* small. <sup>11</sup>If you hold back from delivering *those who are* drawn to death, and *those who* are ready to be killed; <sup>12</sup>if you say, Behold, we did not know; does not He who searches the heart see? And He who keeps your soul, does He not know? And shall He not give back to *every man* according to his works?

<sup>13</sup>My son, eat honey, because it *is* good; and the honeycomb, which *is* sweet to your taste; <sup>14</sup>so *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul; when you have found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and your hope shall not be cut off. <sup>15</sup>Wicked one, do not lie in ambush at the dwelling of the righteous; do not spoil his resting place; <sup>16</sup>for a just *man* falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked shall fall into evil. <sup>17</sup>Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; <sup>18</sup>lest the LORD see, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him. <sup>19</sup>Do not fret yourself because of evil ones, nor be jealous of the wicked; <sup>20</sup>for there shall be no reward to the evil one; the lamp of the wicked shall be put out. <sup>21</sup>My son, fear the LORD and the king; and do not fellowship with those who are given to change; <sup>22</sup>for their trouble shall rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin of them both?

<sup>23</sup>These *are* for the wise: To have respect of persons in judgment *is* not good. <sup>24</sup>He who says to the wicked, You *are* righteous; the people shall curse him, and nations shall despise him. <sup>25</sup>But to those who rebuke *him*, it shall be a delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them. <sup>26</sup>He shall kiss the lips that returns right words. <sup>27</sup>Prepare your work outside, and make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterwards build your house. <sup>28</sup>Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, or deceive with your lips. <sup>29</sup>Do not say, I will do so to him as he has done to me; I will give to the man according to his work. <sup>30</sup>I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man without understanding; <sup>31</sup>and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face of it, and its stone wall was broken down. <sup>32</sup>Then I saw; I set my heart on it; I looked *and* I received instruction. <sup>33</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; <sup>34</sup>so shall your poverty come *as* one who travels; and your want like an armed man.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>These *are* also proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. <sup>2</sup>The glory of God *is* to hide a thing; but the honor of kings *is* to search out a matter. <sup>3</sup>The heavens for height, and the earth for depth, but the heart of kings cannot be searched. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the refiner. <sup>5</sup>Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be founded in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forth in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for *it is* better that it should be said to you, Come up here, than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom your eyes have seen. <sup>8</sup>Do not go forth quickly to fight, lest you *know not what* to do in the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame. <sup>9</sup>Debate your cause with your neighbor; and do not uncover a secret to another, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears *it* put you to shame, and your evil report turn not away. <sup>11</sup>A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver. <sup>12</sup>As a ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon a hearing ear. <sup>13</sup>Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes his master's soul. <sup>14</sup>Whoever boasts himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain. <sup>15</sup>In *being* slow to anger a ruler is won over, and a soft tongue breaks the bone. <sup>16</sup>Have you found honey? Eat only

as much as is enough for you, lest you be filled with it and vomit it. <sup>17</sup>Withdraw your foot from your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you and hate you. <sup>18</sup>A man who bears false witness against his neighbor *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow. <sup>19</sup>Trust in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint. <sup>20</sup>As he who takes away a garment in cold weather, as vinegar upon niter, *so is* he who sings songs to a heavy heart. <sup>21</sup>If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, <sup>22</sup>for you shall heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward you. <sup>23</sup>The north wind drives away rain; *so does* an angry face a backbiting tongue. <sup>24</sup>*It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a quarreling woman in a wide house. <sup>25</sup>Like cold waters to a thirsty soul, *so is* good news from a far country. <sup>26</sup>A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is like* a troubled fountain and a rotten spring. <sup>27</sup>*It is* not good to eat much honey; *so for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory. <sup>28</sup>He who has no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city that is broken down without a wall.

### CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not becoming for a fool. <sup>2</sup>As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse without cause shall not come. <sup>3</sup>A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back. <sup>4</sup>Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest you also be like him. <sup>5</sup>Answer a fool according to his foolishness, so that he may not be wise in his own eyes. <sup>6</sup>He who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off the feet *and* drinks down damage. <sup>7</sup>The legs of the lame are not equal; *so is* a parable in the mouth of fools. <sup>8</sup>As he who binds a stone in a sling, *so is* he who gives honor to a fool. <sup>9</sup>As a thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, *so is* a parable in the mouth of fools. <sup>10</sup>Great is the Former of all, but he who hires a fool *is like* one who hires one passing by. <sup>11</sup>As a dog returns to its vomit, *so* a fool returns to his folly. <sup>12</sup>Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There *is* more hope for a fool than for him. <sup>13</sup>The lazy man says, There *is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets. <sup>14</sup>As the door turns upon its hinges, *so does* the lazy man turn upon his bed. <sup>15</sup>The lazy man hides his hand in his bosom; it grieves him to bring it again to his mouth. <sup>16</sup>The sluggard *is* wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a reason.

<sup>17</sup>He who passes by enraging himself over strife not his own *is like* one who takes a dog by the ears. <sup>18</sup>As a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, <sup>19</sup>*so is* the man who deceives his neighbor and says, I am only joking. <sup>20</sup>Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where *there is* no talebearer, the fighting ceases. <sup>21</sup>As coals to burning coals, and wood to fire, *so is* a quarrelsome man to kindle fighting. <sup>22</sup>The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. <sup>23</sup>Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a broken piece of pottery with silver waste. <sup>24</sup>He who hates pretends with his lips and stores up deceit within him. <sup>25</sup>When he makes his voice gracious, do not believe him; for seven hateful things *are* in his heart. <sup>26</sup>He whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shown before the whole congregation. <sup>27</sup>Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it; and he who rolls a stone, it will return on him. <sup>28</sup>A lying tongue hates *those who are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

### CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>Do not boast yourself of tomorrow; for you do not know what a day may bring forth. <sup>2</sup>Let another man praise you, and not your mouth; a stranger, and not your lips. <sup>3</sup>A stone *is* heavy, and sand *is* heavy; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both. <sup>4</sup>Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* overwhelming; but who *is* able to stand before envy? <sup>5</sup>Open rebuke *is* better than secret love. <sup>6</sup>Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend;



but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful. <sup>7</sup>The full soul despises a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. <sup>8</sup>As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man who wanders from his place. <sup>9</sup>Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so *does* the sweetness of one's friend by advice from the heart. <sup>10</sup>Your own friend, and your father's friend, do not forsake them; nor go to your brother's house in the day of your trouble; better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off. <sup>11</sup>My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, so that I may answer him who shames me. <sup>12</sup>A sensible one foresees the evil *and* hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished. <sup>13</sup>Take his robe that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge from him for a strange woman. <sup>14</sup>He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him. <sup>15</sup>A never-ending dropping in a very rainy day and a quarrelsome woman are alike. <sup>16</sup>Whoever hides her hides the wind, and his right hand encounters *slippery* oil. <sup>17</sup>Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the face of his friend. <sup>18</sup>Whoever keeps the fig tree shall eat its fruit; so he who waits on his master shall be honored. <sup>19</sup>As in water face *answers* to face, so the heart of man answers to man. <sup>20</sup>Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. <sup>21</sup>As the refining pot for silver and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise. <sup>22</sup>Though you should pound a fool in a bowl with a bar in the midst of wheat, his foolishness will not depart from him. <sup>23</sup>Be diligent to know the state of your flocks; watch over your herds. <sup>24</sup>For riches *are* not forever; nor the crown from generation to generation? <sup>25</sup>When the hay is removed, and the tender grass is seen, and mountain-plants are gathered, <sup>26</sup>the lambs *are* for your clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field. <sup>27</sup>And *you shall have* goats' milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and a living for your young women.

#### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>The wicked flee when no man pursues; but the righteous are bold as a lion. <sup>2</sup>Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its rulers; but it is prolonged by a man of discernment who knows *right*. <sup>3</sup>A poor man who crushes the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaves no food. <sup>4</sup>Those who forsake the law praise the wicked; but those who keep the law plead against them. <sup>5</sup>Evil men do not understand judgment; but those who seek the LORD understand all *things*. <sup>6</sup>Better is the poor who walks in his uprightness than *he who is* perverse in his ways, though *he is* rich. <sup>7</sup>Whoever keeps the law is a wise son; but a companion of gluttons shames his father. <sup>8</sup>He who increases his wealth by interest and unjust gain, he shall gather it for him who will pity the poor. <sup>9</sup>He who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is a hateful thing. <sup>10</sup>Whoever causes the righteous man to go astray in an evil way, he himself shall fall into his own pit; but the upright shall inherit good. <sup>11</sup>The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor who has understanding searches him out.

<sup>12</sup>When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden. <sup>13</sup>He who covers his sins shall not be blessed; but whoever confesses and leaves them shall have mercy. <sup>14</sup>Blessed is the man dreading *God*; but he who hardens his heart shall fall into mischief. <sup>15</sup>*Like* a roaring lion and a ranging bear, so is a wicked ruler over the poor people. <sup>16</sup>A ruler lacking understanding even adds oppressions; but he who hates unjust gain shall prolong *his* days. <sup>17</sup>A man who is pressed down with the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; do not let them uphold him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever walks uprightly shall be saved; but *he who is* perverse in his ways shall fall at once. <sup>19</sup>He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread; but he pursuing vanities shall have poverty enough. <sup>20</sup>A faithful man shall overflow with blessings; but he who makes haste to be rich shall

not be innocent. <sup>21</sup>To have respect of persons is not good; because that man will sin for a piece of bread. <sup>22</sup>He who hastens to be rich *has* an evil eye, and does not know that poverty will come upon him. <sup>23</sup>He who rebukes a man shall afterwards find more favor than he who flatters with the tongue. <sup>24</sup>Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, *It is no sin*; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer. <sup>25</sup>He who is of a proud heart stirs up fighting; but he who puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. <sup>26</sup>He who trusts in his own heart is a fool; but whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered. <sup>27</sup>He who gives to the poor shall not lack; but he who hides his eyes shall have many a curse. <sup>28</sup>When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.

#### CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>A man who hardens *his neck when* reprov'd shall be suddenly broken, and there will be no healing. <sup>2</sup>When the righteous are in great number, the people rejoice; but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn. <sup>3</sup>Whoever loves wisdom rejoices his father; but a companion of harlots wastes wealth. <sup>4</sup>The king establishes the land by judgment; but he *taking* bribes tears it down. <sup>5</sup>A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet. <sup>6</sup>In the sin of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous sings and rejoices. <sup>7</sup>The righteous takes note of the plea of the poor; *but* the wicked cares not to know *it*. <sup>8</sup>Scornful men bring a city into a snare; but wise men turn away wrath. <sup>9</sup>*If* a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether he rages or laughs, there *is* no rest. <sup>10</sup>Men of blood hate the upright; but the just seek his soul. <sup>11</sup>A fool speaks all his mind; but a wise one keeps it in until afterwards. <sup>12</sup>If a ruler listens to lies, all his servants *are* wicked. <sup>13</sup>The poor and the deceitful man meet together; the LORD gives light to both their eyes. <sup>14</sup>A king who judges the weak, his throne shall be fixed forever. <sup>15</sup>The rod and rebuke give wisdom; but a child left *to himself* brings his mother to shame. <sup>16</sup>When the wicked are multiplied, sin increases; but the righteous shall see their fall. <sup>17</sup>Correct your son, and he shall give you rest; yea, he shall give delight to your soul. <sup>18</sup>Where there *is* no wisdom, the people perish; but he who keeps the law, he is blessed. <sup>19</sup>A servant will not be corrected by words, for though he understands, he will not answer. <sup>20</sup>Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him. <sup>21</sup>He pampering his servant from a child, he shall afterwards be *his* successor. <sup>22</sup>An angry man stirs up fighting, and a furious man abounds in sin. <sup>23</sup>A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. <sup>24</sup>He who shares with a thief hates his own soul; he hears cursing and does not tell. <sup>25</sup>The fear of man brings a snare; but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe. <sup>26</sup>Many seek the ruler's favor; but each man's judgment comes from the LORD. <sup>27</sup>An unjust man *is* a hateful thing to the just; and he who *is* upright in the way is hateful to the wicked.

#### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the prophecy: The man spoke to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal, saying, <sup>2</sup>Surely *I am more* like an animal than any man, and do not have the understanding of a man. <sup>3</sup>I have not learned wisdom, nor the knowledge of the holy. <sup>4</sup>Who has gone up *to* Heaven and has come down? <sup>5</sup>Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in *His* garments? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what *is* His Son's name, if you can tell?

<sup>6</sup>Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. <sup>7</sup>Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you and you be found a liar. <sup>8</sup>I have asked two *things* from You; do not deny *them* before I die; <sup>9</sup>remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food right for

me; <sup>9</sup>lest I be full and deny You, and say, Who is the LORD? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

<sup>10</sup>Do not accuse a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty. <sup>11</sup>There is a generation that curses their father, and does not bless their mother. <sup>12</sup>There is a generation that *are* pure in their own eyes, *and yet* is not washed from their own filth. <sup>13</sup>There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. <sup>14</sup>There is a generation whose teeth *are* like swords, and their jaw teeth like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

<sup>15</sup>The leech has two daughters, *crying*, Give, give! There are three *things* that are never satisfied, yea, four *things* never say, Enough! <sup>16</sup>The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that is* not filled with water; and the fire that never says, Enough. <sup>17</sup>The eye that mocks at *his* father and despises to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. <sup>18</sup>Three *things are* too wonderful for me, yea, four which I do not know <sup>19</sup>the way of an eagle in the air; the way of a snake on a rock; the way of a ship in the middle of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden. <sup>20</sup>Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no evil. <sup>21</sup>For three *things* the earth quakes, and for four which it cannot bear: <sup>22</sup>for a servant when he reigns; and a fool when he is filled with food; <sup>23</sup>for a hateful woman when she is married; and a servant girl that is heir to her mistress. <sup>24</sup>Four *things are* little on the earth, but they *are* exceedingly wise: <sup>25</sup>the ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer; <sup>26</sup>the conies *are* but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks; <sup>27</sup>the locusts have no king, yet they all of them go forth by bands; <sup>28</sup>the spider takes hold with her hands, and is in king's palaces. <sup>29</sup>There *are* three *things* which go well, yea, four which are stately in going: <sup>30</sup>a lion is strongest among beasts and does not turn away for any; <sup>31</sup>a greyhound; and a he-goat; and a king against whom there is no rising up.

<sup>32</sup>If you have done foolishly in lifting yourself up, or if you have thought evil, *lay* your hand on your mouth. <sup>33</sup>Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth fighting.

## CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy which his mother taught him. <sup>2</sup>What, my son? And what, the son of my womb? And what, the son of my vows? <sup>3</sup>Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. <sup>4</sup>*It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to lust for strong drink; <sup>5</sup>lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. <sup>6</sup>Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish, and wine to those who are of heavy hearts. <sup>7</sup>Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. <sup>8</sup>Open your mouth for the dumb, for the cause of all the sons of those who are passing away. <sup>9</sup>Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

<sup>10</sup>Who can find a woman of virtue? For her value is far above rubies. <sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts safely in her, so that he shall have no need of plunder. <sup>12</sup>She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax, and works willingly with her hands. <sup>14</sup>She is like the merchants' ships; she brings her food from afar. <sup>15</sup>She also rises while it is still night, and gives food to her household, and a share to her young women. <sup>16</sup>She considers a field, and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup>She binds her loins with strength, and makes her arms strong. <sup>18</sup>She sees that her merchandise is good;

her candle does not go out by night. <sup>19</sup>She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. <sup>20</sup>She stretches out her hand to the poor; yea, she reaches forth her hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup>She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet. <sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings; her clothing *is* silk and purple. <sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup>She makes fine linen and sells *it*, and delivers girdles to the merchants. <sup>25</sup>Strength and honor *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup>Her sons rise up and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praises her. <sup>29</sup>Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.

<sup>30</sup>Favor *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain; *but* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. <sup>31</sup>Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

# THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! all *is* vanity. <sup>3</sup>What *is* the profit to a man in all his labor which he labors under the sun? <sup>4</sup>A generation passes away, and a generation comes; but the earth remains forever. <sup>5</sup>The sun also arises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it arose. <sup>6</sup>The wind goes toward the south, and it turns around to the north; it whirls around continually; and the wind returns again according to its circuits. <sup>7</sup>All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; to the place from where the rivers come, there they return again. <sup>8</sup>All things *are* full of labor; man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup>That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done *is* that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Is there a thing of which it may be said, See, this *is* new? It has already been in days of old, which were before us. <sup>11</sup>There *is* no memory of former *things*, nor any memory of coming *things*, with those who will be at the last.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all which is done under the heavens. It *is* a sad task God has given to the sons of man to be humbled by it. <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. <sup>15</sup>What *is* crooked cannot be made straight; and *that* lacking cannot be numbered. <sup>16</sup>I spoke within my own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have gathered more wisdom than all that have been before me in Jerusalem; yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>17</sup>And I gave my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I know that this also *is* vexation of spirit. <sup>18</sup>For in much wisdom *is* much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore consider and behold goodness; this also *is* vanity. <sup>2</sup>I said of laughter, *It is* madness; and of mirth, What does it do? <sup>3</sup>I sought in my heart to drag my flesh with wine, yet leading my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, until I might see where the good for the sons of men *might be*, what they should do under the heavens all the days of their life. <sup>4</sup>I made my works great; I built houses for myself. I planted vineyards for myself. <sup>5</sup>I made gardens and orchards for myself, And I planted trees in them, of all fruit. <sup>6</sup>I made pools of water for myself, to water the forest shooting forth trees. <sup>7</sup>I got slaves and slavegirls, and had slaves born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me. <sup>8</sup>I also gathered silver and gold to myself, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got men singers and women singers for myself, and the delights of the sons of men, a wife and very many wives. <sup>9</sup>I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. <sup>10</sup>And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I did not withhold my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor, and this was my part of all my labor. <sup>11</sup>Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit; and there *is* no profit under the sun.

<sup>12</sup>And I turned to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what *can* the man *do* who comes after the king, when they have already done it? <sup>13</sup>Then I saw

that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness. <sup>14</sup>The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and I also knew that one event happens to all of them. <sup>15</sup>Then I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, *so* it happens even to me; and why was I then more wise? And I said in my heart that this also *is* vanity. <sup>16</sup>For *there is* no memory of the wise more *than* of the fool forever, since that which is now shall all be forgotten in the days to come. And how does the wise die above the fool! <sup>17</sup>Therefore I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun *is* sad to me; for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

<sup>18</sup>Yes, I hated all my labor which I had done under the sun; that I must leave it to the man who shall be after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether he shall be wise or a fool? Yet he shall have rule over all my labor *in* which I have labored, and acted wisely under the sun. This *is* also vanity. <sup>20</sup>And I turned to cause my heart to despair over all the labor which I did under the sun. <sup>21</sup>When there is a man whose labor *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and with success; yet to a man who has not labored in it, he shall leave it *for* his share. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>For what has man from all his labor, and from the troubling of his heart, in which he has labored under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days *are* sorrows, and his labor sadness; yea, his heart does not take rest in the night. This *is* also vanity. <sup>24</sup>Is it not good that he should eat and drink and make his soul see good in his labor? This I also saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. <sup>25</sup>For who can eat, or who can enjoy, apart from me? <sup>26</sup>For God gives wisdom, and knowledge, and joy to a man *who is* good in His sight. But to the sinner He gives labor, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>To every thing there *is* a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pull up *what is* planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

<sup>9</sup>What profit does he have who works in that in which he labors? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the task which God has given to the sons of men to be humbled by it. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in His time; also He has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that *there is* no good in them, but to rejoice and to do good in his life. <sup>13</sup>And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it *is* the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and God does *it* so that they fear before Him. <sup>15</sup>That which has been is now; and that which *is* to be has already been; and God requires that which is past.

<sup>16</sup>And again I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity *was* there. <sup>17</sup>I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work. <sup>18</sup>I said in my heart concerning the sons of men, that God might reveal them, and that they might see that they themselves *are* beasts. <sup>19</sup>For that which happens *to* the sons of men also happens *to* beasts; even one thing happens to them. As this *one* dies, so that *one* dies; yea, they all have one breath; so that a man has no advantage over a beast; for all *is* vanity. <sup>20</sup>All go to

one place; all are of the dust, and all return to dust again. <sup>21</sup>Who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward? <sup>22</sup>Therefore I have seen that *there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion; for who can bring him to see what shall be after him?*

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter! And on the side of those who oppressed them there was power, but they had no comforter. <sup>2</sup>And I commended the dead who already have died, more than the living who *are* living now. <sup>3</sup>Yea, better than both *is* he who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. <sup>4</sup>Again, I considered all labor, and every right work, that for this a man is envied by his neighbor. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit. <sup>5</sup>The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh. <sup>6</sup>Better *is* a hand filled *with* rest than two fists *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

<sup>7</sup>And I returned and saw vanity under the sun. <sup>8</sup>There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he has neither child nor brother; yet *there is* no end to all his labor; and his eyes are not satisfied with riches; and *he says*, For whom do I labor and take good from my soul? This *is* also vanity. Yes, it *is* an evil business. <sup>9</sup>Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. <sup>10</sup>For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he *does not have* another to help him. <sup>11</sup>Again, if two lie *together*, then they *have* warmth; but how can one be warm *alone*? <sup>12</sup>And if one overthrows him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. <sup>13</sup>A poor and a wise child *is* better than an old and foolish king, who will not be warned any more. <sup>14</sup>For out of prison he comes to reign; although in his kingdom he was poor. <sup>15</sup>I saw all the living who walk under the sun, with the second child who shall stand up in his place. <sup>16</sup>*There is* no end of all the people, even of all who have been before them; they also who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Guard your steps when you go to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools. For they do not know that they are doing evil. <sup>2</sup>Do not be rash *with* your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to say a word before God. For God *is* in Heaven, and you *are* on earth; therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For a dream comes through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words. <sup>4</sup>When you vow a vow to God, do not wait to pay it. For *He* has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you have vowed. <sup>5</sup>*It is* better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup>Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; do not say before the messenger of God that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup>For in the multitude of dreams, both words and vanities abound. But you should fear God. <sup>8</sup>If you see the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, do not marvel at the matter. For *He who is* higher than the highest watches; and there *are* some higher than they.

<sup>9</sup>And the advantage of a land, it *is* for all; *even* a king has a field being tilled. <sup>10</sup>He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he who loves plenty *with* increase. This *is* also vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods multiply, those who eat them multiply; then what good *is it* to its owners, except to see them with their eyes?

<sup>12</sup>The sleep of a laboring man *is* sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for their owners to their hurt. <sup>14</sup>But those riches perish by evil use. And he brings forth a son, and nothing *is* in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came forth from his mother's womb naked, he shall return to go as he came. And from his labor he may not carry anything that may go in his hand. <sup>16</sup>And this also *is* a sore evil, that *in* all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit does he have who has labored for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Also all his days he eats in darkness, and he *has* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

<sup>18</sup>Behold that which I have seen. It *is* good *and* right *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he takes under the sun all the days of his life, which God gives him; for it *is* his portion. <sup>19</sup>Also every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor, *this is* the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answers *him* in the joy of his heart.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* great among men: <sup>2</sup>a man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a stranger eats it. This *is* vanity, and it is an evil disease. <sup>3</sup>If a man fathers a hundred, and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, and his soul is not filled with good, and also is for him no burial; I say, a miscarriage *is* better than he. <sup>4</sup>For he comes in with vanity and goes out in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. <sup>5</sup>Also he has not seen the sun, nor known *anything*. This *one* has more rest than the other. <sup>6</sup>Yea, though he live twice a thousand years, yet he has seen no good. Do not all go to one place? <sup>7</sup>All the labor of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. <sup>8</sup>For what has the wise more than the fool? What *gain* has the poor who knows *how* to walk before the living? <sup>9</sup>Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit. <sup>10</sup>That which has been is named already, and it is known that he *is* man. And he is not able to contend with Him who is mightier than he.

<sup>11</sup>For there are many things that increase vanity, *and* what *is* man the better?

<sup>12</sup>For who knows what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the days of his vain life which he spends as a shadow? For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>A *good* name *is* better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth. <sup>2</sup>*It* is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart. <sup>3</sup>Sorrow *is* better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made better. <sup>4</sup>The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of laughter. <sup>5</sup>*It* is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools. <sup>6</sup>For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool; this also *is* vanity. <sup>7</sup>Surely oppression makes a wise man mad; and a bribe destroys the heart. <sup>8</sup>Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning of it; and the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit. <sup>9</sup>Do not be hasty in your spirit to be angry; for anger rests in the bosom of fools. <sup>10</sup>Do not say, What *is* the cause that the former days were better than these? For you do not ask wisely in regard to this. <sup>11</sup>Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance; but it *is* gain to those who see the sun. <sup>12</sup>For wisdom *is* a defense, and money *is* a defense; but the excellency of knowledge *is* that wisdom gives life to those who have it.



<sup>13</sup>Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what He has made crooked? <sup>14</sup>In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity take note *that* God also has set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him. <sup>15</sup>All *things* I have seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just one who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked one who prolongs *life* in his wickedness.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be righteous overmuch, neither make yourself overwise; why destroy yourself? <sup>17</sup>Do not be very wicked, and do not be a fool; why should you die before your time? <sup>18</sup>*It is good* that you should take hold of this; yea, also from this do not withdraw your hand; for he who fears God shall come forth from all of them. <sup>19</sup>Wisdom makes the wise stronger than ten mighty ones who are in the city. <sup>20</sup>For there *is* not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin. <sup>21</sup>Also do not listen to all words that are spoken; lest you hear your servant curse you. <sup>22</sup>For also your own heart knows that you yourself have also cursed others. <sup>23</sup>All this I have proved by wisdom; I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me. <sup>24</sup>That which is far off and exceedingly deep, who can find it out? <sup>25</sup>I set my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness; <sup>26</sup>and I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart *is* snares and nets, and her hands *like* bands. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her. <sup>27</sup>Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher, *counting* one by one, to find out the sum; <sup>28</sup>which my soul still sought, but I find not: one man among a thousand I have found, but a woman among all those I have not found. <sup>29</sup>Lo, this only I have found, that God has made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>Who *is* as the wise? And who knows the meaning of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. <sup>2</sup>*I say*, keep the king's word, and that *because of* the oath of God. <sup>3</sup>Do not be hasty to leave his presence. Do not take a stand in an evil thing; for he does whatever pleases him. <sup>4</sup>Where the word of a king *is*, there *is* power; and who may say to him, What are you doing? <sup>5</sup>Whoever keeps the command shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart knows both time and judgment. <sup>6</sup>Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man *is* great on him. <sup>7</sup>For he does not know what shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be? <sup>8</sup>There *is* no man who has power over the spirit to keep the spirit; nor power in the day of death; and there *is* no discharge in *that* war; nor shall wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

<sup>9</sup>All this I have seen, and I gave my heart to every work that is done under the sun. *There is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt. <sup>10</sup>And so I saw the wicked buried, and they came and went from the holy place. And they were forgotten in the city, *these* things that they had done. This *is* also vanity. <sup>11</sup>Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

<sup>12</sup>Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* be made longer, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. <sup>13</sup>But it shall not be well with the wicked, nor shall he make *his* days longer like a shadow; because he does not fear before God. <sup>14</sup>There is a vanity which is done on the earth: There are just ones to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked ones to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also *is* vanity. <sup>15</sup>Then I praised gladness, because a man has no better thing under the sun than to eat, and to drink and to

be glad; for that shall go with him of his labor for the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

<sup>16</sup>When I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth — for neither day nor night do men see sleep with their eyes — <sup>17</sup>then I looked at all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; because though a man labors to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find it. Yea, further, though a wise one speaks of knowing, yet he shall not be able to find *it*.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>For all this I took to heart, even to make all this clear, that the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God. No man knows either love or hatred *by* all that *is* before them. <sup>2</sup>All *happens* alike to all; there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him who sacrifices, and to him who does not sacrifice. As *is* the good man, so *is* the sinner. He who swears is as *he* who fears an oath. <sup>3</sup>This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event to all. Yea, also the heart of the sons of men *is* full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup>For to him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog *is* better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup>For the living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything, nor do they have any more a reward; for their memory is forgotten. <sup>6</sup>Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; nor do they any longer have a part forever in all that is done under the sun.

<sup>7</sup>Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God now is pleased with your works. <sup>8</sup>Let your garments be always white; and let your head lack no ointment. <sup>9</sup>Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which He has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity. For that *is* your share in *this* life, and in your labor which you take under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there *is* no work, nor plan, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave where you go. <sup>11</sup>I returned and saw under the sun that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happens to them all. <sup>12</sup>For man also does not know his time; as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them. <sup>13</sup>This wisdom I have seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great to me. <sup>14</sup>*There was* a little city, and few men in it; and a great king came against it and besieged it, and built huge bulwarks against it. <sup>15</sup>And a poor wise man was found in it, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup>And I said, Wisdom *is* better than strength; but the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

<sup>17</sup>The words of the wise are heard in quiet more than the cry of him who rules among fools. <sup>18</sup>Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>As dead flies cause the perfumer's ointment to stink *and* ferment; so *more* rare than wisdom *and* than honor *is* a little foolishness. <sup>2</sup>A man's heart *is* at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. <sup>3</sup>Yes also, in the way a fool walks, his heart fails; and he says to all *that* he *is* a fool. <sup>4</sup>If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for yielding quiets great sinners. <sup>5</sup>There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, sins which comes from the ruler's face;

<sup>7</sup>Foolishness is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. <sup>7</sup>I have seen servants on horses and princes walking as servants on the earth. <sup>8</sup>He who digs a pit shall fall into it; and whoever breaks a hedge, a snake shall bite him. <sup>9</sup>Whoever removes stones shall be hurt with them. He who cuts wood shall be endangered by it. <sup>10</sup>If the iron is blunt, and he does not whet the edge, then he must put more strength to it. But wisdom is profitable to direct. <sup>11</sup>Surely the snake will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. <sup>12</sup>The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow him. <sup>13</sup>The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is wicked madness. <sup>14</sup>A fool also makes many words; a man knows not what they shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? <sup>15</sup>The labor of the foolish wearies him, because he does not know *how* to go to the city.

<sup>16</sup>Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child and your leaders feast in the morning. <sup>17</sup>Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your leaders eat in *due* time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! <sup>18</sup>By slothfulness the building decays; and through lowering of the hands the house leaks. <sup>19</sup>A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but money answers all *things*. <sup>20</sup>Do not curse a king, no, not in your thought; and do not curse the rich in your bedroom; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Cast your bread on the waters; for you shall find it after many days. <sup>2</sup>Give a share to seven, and also to eight; for you know not what evil shall be on the earth. <sup>3</sup>If the clouds are full of rain, they empty on the earth; and if the tree falls toward the south, or toward the north, *in the* place where the tree falls, there it shall be. <sup>4</sup>He who watches the wind shall not sow; and he who pays attention to the clouds shall not reap. <sup>5</sup>As you do not know what *is* the way of the spirit, *as* how the bones grow in the pregnant woman's womb; even so you do not know the works of God who makes all. <sup>6</sup>In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know what shall be blessed, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* fruitful in the same way.

<sup>7</sup>Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun; <sup>8</sup>but if a man lives many years, and rejoices in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity. <sup>9</sup>Rejoice, in your youth, young man; and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these *things* God will bring you into judgment. <sup>10</sup>Therefore remove vexation from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh; for childhood and prime of life are vanity.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days do not come, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them. <sup>2</sup>Before the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, are darkened, or the clouds return after the rain; <sup>3</sup>in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because there are few, and those who look out of the windows are darkened, <sup>4</sup>and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and you shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music are silenced; <sup>5</sup>also they shall be afraid of *that which is high*, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; <sup>6</sup>or

ever the silver cord is not loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; <sup>7</sup>then the dust shall return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

<sup>8</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the preacher; all *is* vanity. <sup>9</sup>And more than that, the preacher *was* wise; he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he listened, and looked, *and* set in order many proverbs. <sup>10</sup>The preacher sought to find out pleasing words; and words of truth written by the upright. <sup>11</sup>The words of the wise *are* like goads; yes, their collected words are like nails driven home; they *are* given from one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup>And further, by these, my son, be warned: The making of many books *has* no end, and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

<sup>13</sup>Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments. For this *is* the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup>For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it *is* good, or whether evil.

# THE SONG OF SONGS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

<sup>2</sup>Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth; for Your loves *are* better than wine. <sup>3</sup>For Your ointments *have* a lovely fragrance; Your name *is as* oil poured out; therefore the virgins love You. <sup>4</sup>Draw me, we will run after You, The king has brought me *into* his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in You, we will remember Your love more than wine; the upright love You. <sup>5</sup>I *am* black, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. <sup>6</sup>Do not look on me, that I *am* black, that the sun has looked on me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* my vineyard I have not kept. <sup>7</sup>Tell me, *You* whom my soul loves, where do You feed, where do You lie down at noon? For why should I be as one who is veiled beside the flocks of Your companions?

<sup>8</sup>If you know not, most beautiful among women, go in the footsteps of the flock; and feed your kids beside the shepherds' tents. <sup>9</sup>I have compared you, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. <sup>10</sup>Your cheeks *are* beautiful with ornaments, your neck with chains. <sup>11</sup>We will make you borders of gold with studs of silver. <sup>12</sup>While the King is in His circle, my spikenard gives its smell. <sup>13</sup>A bundle of myrrh *is* my Beloved to me. He shall lie all night between my breasts. <sup>14</sup>My Beloved is to me *like* a cluster of henna in the vineyards of Engedi. <sup>15</sup>Behold, you *are* beautiful, my love; behold, you *are* beautiful; you *have* doves' eyes. <sup>16</sup>Behold, you *are* beautiful, my Beloved, yea, pleasant. Also our bed *is* green. <sup>17</sup>The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters *are* of fir.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>I *am* the rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. <sup>2</sup>As the lily among thorns, so *is* My love among the daughters. <sup>3</sup>As the apple among the trees of the wood, so *is* my Beloved among the sons. I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit *was* sweet to my taste. <sup>4</sup>He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me *was* love. <sup>5</sup>Feed me with raisin cakes, comfort me with apples, for I *am* sick *with* love. <sup>6</sup>His left hand *is* under my head, and His right hand embraces me. <sup>7</sup>I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, do not stir up or awake my Love until He please.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my Beloved! Behold, He comes leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills. <sup>9</sup>My Beloved is like a roe or a young hart. Behold, *He* stands behind our wall, He looks forth at the windows, showing Himself through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My Beloved spoke, and said to me, Rise up, My love, My beautiful one, and come away. <sup>11</sup>For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over; it goes to itself. <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land; <sup>13</sup>the fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, My love, My beautiful one, and come away. <sup>14</sup>O My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let Me see your face, let Me hear your voice; for your voice *is* sweet, and your face *is* beautiful. <sup>15</sup>Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines; for our vines *have* tender grapes. <sup>16</sup>My Beloved *is* mine, and I *am* His; He feeds among the lilies. <sup>17</sup>Until when does the day blow, and the shadows flee away? Turn, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the mountains of Bether.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>By night on my bed I sought *Him* whom my soul loved; I sought Him, but I did not find Him. <sup>2</sup>I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the broad ways; I will seek *Him* whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him. <sup>3</sup>The watchmen who go about the city found me. I *said*, Have you seen Him whom my soul loves? <sup>4</sup>But a little while after I passed from them, I found *Him* whom my soul loves. I held Him and would not let Him go, until I had brought Him into my mother's house, and into the room of her who conceived me. <sup>5</sup>I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, and by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awake my love until it pleases.

<sup>6</sup>Who is this coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, from all the merchant's powders? <sup>7</sup>Behold his bed, which is Solomon's! Sixty strong men *are* around it, of Israel's mighty men. <sup>8</sup>They all hold swords, instructed in war; *each* man *has* his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night. <sup>9</sup>King Solomon made himself a litter-bed of Lebanon's trees. <sup>10</sup>He made its poles of silver, its back gold, its seat of purple, its middle was paved *with* love by the daughters of Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup>Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown *with* which his mother crowned him on his wedding day, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Behold, you *are* beautiful, My love. Behold, you *are* beautiful; your eyes *are like* doves' from behind your veil; your hair *is like* a flock of goats that appear from Mount Gilead. <sup>2</sup>Your teeth *are like* a flock of shorn *sheep*, which came up from the washing; of which every one bears twins, and none *is* barren among them. <sup>3</sup>Your lips *are* like a cord of scarlet, and your speech *is* becoming; your temples *are* like a piece of pomegranate behind your veil. <sup>4</sup>Your neck *is* like the tower of David built for an armory, on which there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men. <sup>5</sup>Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, twins of a gazelle feeding among the lilies. <sup>6</sup>Until when the day blows, and the shadows flee away, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense. <sup>7</sup>You *are* all fair, My love; no blemish *is* in you. <sup>8</sup>Come with Me from Lebanon, *My* spouse; with Me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards. <sup>9</sup>You have ravished My heart, My sister, *My* spouse; you have ravished My heart with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck. <sup>10</sup>How fair is your love, My sister, *My* spouse! How *much* better *is* your love than wine, and the smell of your ointments than all spices! <sup>11</sup>Your lips, *My* spouse, drop like the honeycomb; honey and milk *are* under your tongue; and the smell of your garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

<sup>12</sup>A locked garden *is* My sister, *My* spouse; a rock heap locked up, a fountain sealed. <sup>13</sup>Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; with henna *and* spikenard, <sup>14</sup>spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices; <sup>15</sup>a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. <sup>16</sup>Awake, O north *wind*; and come, south *wind*; blow on my garden, *so that* the spices of it may flow out. Let my Beloved come into His garden, and eat His pleasant fruits.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>I have come into My garden, My sister, *My* spouse; I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk. Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O Beloved. <sup>2</sup>I sleep, but my heart is awake. *It is* the sound of my Beloved that knocks, *saying*, Open to

Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled; for My head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night. <sup>3</sup>I have put off My coat; How shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? <sup>4</sup>My Beloved put in His hand by *the hole* of the door, and my heart was moved for Him. <sup>5</sup>I rose up to open to my Beloved; and my hands dripped *with myrrh*, and my fingers flowing *with myrrh* on the handles of the bolt. <sup>6</sup>I opened to my Beloved, but my Beloved had left. He passed on. My soul went out when He spoke; I sought Him, but I could not find Him. I called Him, but He did not answer me. <sup>7</sup>The watchmen who went about the city found me *and* struck me; they wounded me. The keepers of the wall lifted my veil from me. <sup>8</sup>I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my Beloved, what do you tell Him? That I *am* sick *with* love.

<sup>9</sup>What is your Beloved more than *another* beloved, most beautiful among women? What is your Beloved more than *another* beloved, that you adjure us so? <sup>10</sup>My Beloved is bright and ruddy, standing out among ten thousand. <sup>11</sup>His head is *like* refined gold; His locks are bushy, black as a raven. <sup>12</sup>His eyes *are as* doves' eyes on the rivers of waters, washed with milk, sitting on a setting. <sup>13</sup>His cheeks *are* like a bed of spices, a raised bed of aromatic herbs. His lips *are as* lilies dropping flowing myrrh. <sup>14</sup>His hands *are like* rings of gold filled with jewels; His body an ivory plate overlaid with sapphires. <sup>15</sup>His legs *are like* pillars of marble set on sockets of fine gold; His face *is like* Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. <sup>16</sup>His mouth is most sweet; yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Where has your Beloved gone, most beautiful among women? Where has your Beloved turned? For we seek Him along with you. <sup>2</sup>My Beloved has gone down to His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies. <sup>3</sup>I *am* my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine; He feeds among the lilies.

<sup>4</sup>O my love, you *are as* beautiful as Tirzah, as lovely as Jerusalem, as inspiring as an army with banners. <sup>5</sup>Turn away your eyes from Me, for they have overcome Me; your hair is like a flock of goats that appears from Gilead. <sup>6</sup>Your teeth *are* like a flock of ewes which go up from the washing, bearing twins, and barrenness; not one is barren among them. <sup>7</sup>Your temples behind your veil *are* like a piece of pomegranate. <sup>8</sup>There *are* sixty queens, and eighty concubines, and virgins without number. <sup>9</sup>But My dove, My undefiled is one *alone*. She is the *only* one of her mother. She is the choice of her who bore her. The daughters saw her and blessed her; the queens and the concubines saw her, and they praised her. <sup>10</sup>Who is she who looks forth like the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun *and* as inspiring as an army with banners?

<sup>11</sup>I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, to see whether the vine flowered *and* the pomegranates budded. <sup>12</sup>I did not know, *but* my soul set me *on* the chariots of my princely people. <sup>13</sup>Return, return, O Shulamite! Return, return, that we may look on you. What will you see in the Shulamite? As it were the dance of two camps.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a skillful workman. <sup>2</sup>Your navel is *like* a round goblet, which never lacks mixed wine; your belly is *like* a heap of wheat set about with lilies. <sup>3</sup>Your two breasts *are like* two fawns, twins of a gazelle. <sup>4</sup>Your neck is *like* a tower of ivory; your eyes *like* the fish-pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Beth-rabbim; your nose is *like* the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus. <sup>5</sup>Your head on you is *like* Carmel, and the hair of

your head *like* purple; the King is held captive in its tresses. <sup>6</sup>How beautiful and how pleasant you are, O love, for delights! <sup>7</sup>Your stature *is like* a palm tree, and your breasts *are like* clusters of grapes. <sup>8</sup>I said, I will go up in the palm tree, I will take hold of its stalk. And please let your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the smell of your nose like apples; <sup>9</sup>and the roof of your mouth like the best wine for my Beloved, that goes *down* smoothly for My Beloved, flowing softly *over* the lips of sleeping ones. <sup>10</sup>I *am* my Beloved's, and His desire *is* toward me. <sup>11</sup>Come, my Beloved, let us go out into the field; let us stay in the villages. <sup>12</sup>Let us rise up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flowers, *whether* the tender grape appears, *and* the pomegranates bud forth; there I will give You my loves. <sup>13</sup>The love-apples give a scent, and over our doors *are* all pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for You, O my Beloved.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>Who could give You to me as *my* brother, who sucked my mother's breasts? *When* I find You outside, I would kiss You; yea, they would not despise me. <sup>2</sup>I would lead You, *and* bring You into my mother's house. You would instruct me; I would cause You to drink spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate. <sup>3</sup>His left hand *would be* under my head, and His right embrace me. <sup>4</sup>I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, why should you stir up or awaken *my* Love until it pleases? <sup>5</sup>Who *is* this coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree; there your mother travailed with you; there she travailed *and* bore you.

<sup>6</sup>Set me as a seal on Your heart, as a seal on Your arm; for love *is* strong as death. Jealousy *is* cruel as the grave; its flames *are* flames of fire, a flame of Jehovah. <sup>7</sup>Many waters cannot quench love, nor will the rivers overflow it. If a man would give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be scorned.

<sup>8</sup>We have a little sister, and she has no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? <sup>9</sup>If she *is* a wall, we will build on her a palace of silver; and if she *is* a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar. <sup>10</sup>I *was* a wall, and my breasts like towers; then I was in His eyes as one finding peace.

<sup>11</sup>Solomon had a vineyard in Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; everyone for its fruit was to bring a thousand of silver. <sup>12</sup>My vineyard, which *is* mine, is before me; you, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and for the keepers of its fruit, two hundred. <sup>13</sup>You who dwell in the gardens, the companions listen to your voice; cause me to hear. <sup>14</sup>Hurry, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the mountains of spices.



# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>2</sup>Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken, I have nursed and brought up sons, and they have rebelled against Me. <sup>3</sup>The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; *but* Israel does not know; My people do not understand. <sup>4</sup>Woe, sinful nation, a people heavy *with* iniquity, a seed of evildoers, sons who make others rotten! They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have gone away backward. <sup>5</sup>Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. <sup>6</sup>From the sole of the foot even to the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor soothed with oil. <sup>7</sup>Your land *is* wasted, your cities burned with fire. Strangers devour your land right before your eyes, and it is wasted, as overthrown by strangers. <sup>8</sup>And the daughter of Zion is left a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city. <sup>9</sup>Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom, *and* we would have been like Gomorrah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, people of Gomorrah. <sup>11</sup>To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices to Me? says the LORD; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts? <sup>13</sup>Bring no more vain sacrifice; incense *is* an abomination to Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of meetings, I cannot endure. *It is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting! <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*. <sup>15</sup>And when you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil; <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek judgment, reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan, plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. <sup>21</sup>How has the faithful city become a harlot? *It was* full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it — but now murderers. <sup>22</sup>Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water; <sup>23</sup>your rulers *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and is pursuing rewards; they do not judge the orphan, nor does the cause of the widow come to them. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, the mighty One of Israel, says, Alas! I will ease Myself of My foes, and avenge Myself of My enemies. <sup>25</sup>And I will turn back My hand on you, and purge away your dross as *with* lye, and take away all your alloy. <sup>26</sup>And I will restore your judges as at first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterwards you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city. <sup>27</sup>Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her returning ones with righteousness. <sup>28</sup>And the downfall of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together; and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed. <sup>29</sup>For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be ashamed for the gardens which

you have chosen. <sup>30</sup>For you shall be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water. <sup>31</sup>And the strong shall be like tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall put *them* out.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And it shall be, in the last days the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. <sup>3</sup>And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go out the Law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For You have forsaken Your people the house of Jacob, because they have become full from the east, and *are* fortune-tellers like the Philistines. And they clap *their hands* with the children of strangers. <sup>7</sup>And their land is full of silver and gold. There is no end of their treasures and their land is full of horses; nor an end of their chariots. <sup>8</sup>And their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. <sup>9</sup>And the man bowed down, and man was humbled, but You do not lift them up. <sup>10</sup>Enter into the rock and hide in the dust for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty. <sup>11</sup>The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. <sup>12</sup>For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* on every proud and lofty one, and on every lifted up one; and he shall be brought low, <sup>13</sup>And it shall be on all the high and lifted up cedars of Lebanon, and on all the oaks of Bashan, <sup>14</sup>and on all the high mountains, and on all the lifted up hills; <sup>15</sup>and on every high tower, and on every fenced wall; <sup>16</sup>and on all the ships of Tarshish, and on all pleasurable craft. <sup>17</sup>And the pride of man shall be bowed down, and the loftiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. <sup>18</sup>And the idols shall completely vanish. <sup>19</sup>And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth terribly. <sup>20</sup>In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made for him to worship, to the moles and to the bats; <sup>21</sup>to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth terribly. <sup>22</sup>Cease from man, whose breath *is* in his nostril; for in what is he to be esteemed?

## CHAPTER 3.

<sup>1</sup>For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water, <sup>2</sup>the mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, <sup>3</sup>the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the adviser, and the skilled worker, and the expert charmer. <sup>4</sup>And I will give young boys *to be* their rulers, and caprices shall rule over them. <sup>5</sup>And the people shall be crushed, every man by another, and every man by his neighbor; the boy shall act proudly against the old man, and the low against the honorable. <sup>6</sup>When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, You have clothing, you be our ruler, and let this ruin *be* under your hand; <sup>7</sup>in that day he shall swear, *saying*, I will not be a healer; there *is* no bread nor a cloak in my house. You shall

not make me a ruler of the people. <sup>6</sup>For Jerusalem is ruined and Judah has fallen; because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of His glory. <sup>9</sup>The look of their faces witnesses against them; and they declare their sin like Sodom. They do not hide *it*! Woe to their soul! For they have rewarded evil to themselves.

<sup>10</sup>Say to the righteous that *it is* well; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. <sup>11</sup>Woe to the wicked! *It shall go* evil with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him. <sup>12</sup>*As for* my people, children *are* their taskmasters, and women rule over them. Oh my people, they who lead you cause *you* to go astray and destroy the way of your paths. <sup>13</sup>The LORD stands up to plead His case, and stands up to judge the people. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of His people, and their kings; for you have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses. <sup>15</sup>What do you *mean*? You crush My people and grind the faces of the poor? says the Lord, Jehovah of hosts. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD says, Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and have walked with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; <sup>17</sup>therefore the LORD will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will make their secret parts naked. <sup>18</sup>In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of ankle-bracelets, and the headbands, and the crescents, <sup>19</sup>the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils; <sup>20</sup>the headdresses, and the leg ornaments, and the sashes, and the houses of the soul, and the amulets; <sup>21</sup>the rings and nose jewels; <sup>22</sup>the festal apparel and the outer garments; and the mantles, and the purses; <sup>23</sup>the mirrors and the fine linen; and the turbans and the veils. <sup>24</sup>And it shall be, instead of sweet smell, there shall be an odor of decay; and instead of a sash, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a wrapping of sackcloth; burning instead of beauty. <sup>25</sup>Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. <sup>26</sup>And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall sit deserted on the ground.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing; only let us be called by your name, to take away our shame. <sup>2</sup>In that day *shall* the branch of the LORD *be* beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for those who have escaped from Israel. <sup>3</sup>And it shall be, he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem; <sup>4</sup>when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD will create over every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and on her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for on all the glory *shall be* a defense. <sup>6</sup>And there shall be a covering for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a hiding place from storm and from rain.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Now I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard. My Beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. <sup>2</sup>And He fenced it, and gathered out the stones of it, and planted it *with* choice vines, and built a tower in its midst, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for *it* to produce grapes. And it produced wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O people of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, please judge between Me and My vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Who knows? I looked for *it* to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to My

vineyard; I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down; <sup>6</sup>and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor dug; but briars and thorns shall come up. And I will command the clouds that they rain no rain on it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant; and He looked for justice, but behold bloody iniquity; for righteousness, but behold a cry!

<sup>8</sup>Woe *to* those who join house to house, laying field to field, until the end of space, and you are made to dwell alone in the middle of the land! <sup>9</sup>The LORD of hosts *swore* in my ears, Truly many houses shall be deserted, big and fair, without inhabitant. <sup>10</sup>Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah. <sup>11</sup>Woe *to* those who rise up early in the morning to go after strong drink; tarrying in the twilight *while* wine inflames them! <sup>12</sup>And the lyre, and the harp, the timbrel, and pipe, and wine, are *at* their feasts; but they do not see the work of the LORD. Yea, they do not see the work of His hands. <sup>13</sup>For this My people go into exile without knowledge, and their honorable men *into* famine, and their multitude *is* dried up with thirst. <sup>14</sup>So hell has enlarged itself, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pride, and he who rejoices in her, shall go down *into* it. <sup>15</sup>And man is bowed down, and man is humbled and the eyes of the lofty are humbled. <sup>16</sup>But the LORD of hosts is exalted in judgment, and God the holy One is sanctified in righteousness. <sup>17</sup>Then shall the lambs feed *in* their way, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

<sup>18</sup>Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin *with* cart ropes; <sup>19</sup>who say, Let Him hurry *and* hasten His work, so that we may see it; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, so that we may know! <sup>20</sup>Woe *to* those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! <sup>21</sup>Woe *to* those wise in their own eyes, and bright in their own sight! <sup>22</sup>Woe *to* those mighty to drink wine, and brave men to mix strong drink; <sup>23</sup>who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! <sup>24</sup>So, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame burns up the chaff; their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossom shall go up like dust, because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. <sup>25</sup>Therefore the anger of the LORD is kindled on His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them, and has stricken them; and the hills trembled, and their dead bodies *were* as filth in the midst of the streets. In all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

<sup>26</sup>And He will lift up a banner to distant nations, and will hiss to them from the ends of the earth; and behold, they shall come *with* speed swiftly. <sup>27</sup>None *shall be* weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the waistcoat of their loins be loosened, nor the thong of their sandals be broken; <sup>28</sup>whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs seem like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. <sup>29</sup>Their roaring *shall be* like a lion; they shall roar like young lions; for, they shall roar and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and none shall deliver *it*. <sup>30</sup>And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and one looks to the land, behold darkness, and lo, darkness! Distress! And the light shall be darkened by its clouds.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above it stood the seraphs; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and

with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth full of His glory. <sup>4</sup>And the doorposts moved at the voice of the one who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>Then I said, Woe is me! For I am undone; for I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah. <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he laid *it* on my mouth and said, Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged. <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here *am* I; send me! <sup>9</sup>And He said, Go, and tell this people, You hear indeed, but do not understand; and seeing you see, but do not know. <sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and be converted, and be healed. <sup>11</sup>Then I said, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until the cities are wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land laid waste, a desolation, <sup>12</sup>and *until* the LORD has moved men far away, and the desolation in the midst of the land *is* great. <sup>13</sup>But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return and be consumed like the terebinth and like the oak being felled, *yet has its stump* — the holy seed *is* its stump.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not overcome it. <sup>2</sup>And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is allied with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the woods are moved by the wind. <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said to Isaiah, Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the Fuller's Field. <sup>4</sup>And say to him, Be careful and be quiet. Do not fear, nor be timid of heart because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah; <sup>5</sup>because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted against you, saying, <sup>6</sup>Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and break her for ourselves, and set a king in the midst of it, the son of Tabeal. <sup>7</sup>So says the Lord God, It shall not stand, nor shall it come to pass. <sup>8</sup>For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken so that it shall not be a people. <sup>9</sup>And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I tempt the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And he said, Hear now, O house of David; *is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>So, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring out a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>Butter and honey he shall eat until he knows to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land by which you are vexed shall be forsaken before both its kings. <sup>17</sup>The LORD shall bring on you, and on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, since the days that Ephraim departed from Judah, the king of Assyria. <sup>18</sup>And it shall be, in that day the LORD shall hiss for the fly at the end of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria. <sup>19</sup>And they shall come and all of them shall rest in the desert valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and on all thorns,

and on all bushes. <sup>20</sup>In the same day the LORD shall shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by those Beyond the River, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet; and it shall also sweep away the beard. <sup>21</sup>And it shall be, in that day a man shall keep alive a young cow and two sheep; <sup>22</sup>and it will be, from the plentiful supply of milk they shall give, he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall everyone eat who is left in the land. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be, in that day every place where there were a thousand vines, *worth* a thousand *pieces* of silver, it shall even be for briars and thorns. <sup>24</sup>With arrows and with the bow men shall come there, because all the land shall become briars and thorns. <sup>25</sup>And all hills which were hoed with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briars and thorns; but it shall be for the sending out of the ox, and for the trampling of sheep.

### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to me, Take a great scroll and write in it with a man's pen: Make Haste to Plunder! Hasten to the Prey! <sup>2</sup>And I took to myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. <sup>3</sup>And I went to the prophetess. And she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz [Make Haste to Plunder]. <sup>4</sup>For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD also spoke to me again saying, <sup>6</sup>Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; <sup>7</sup>And therefore, behold, the Lord brings on them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory. And he shall come up over all his channels and go over all his banks. <sup>8</sup>And he shall pass through Judah. He shall overflow and go over; he shall reach to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel. <sup>9</sup>Suffer evil, O people, and be broken! And give ear, all from the far places of the earth. Gird yourselves and be broken. Gird yourselves and be broken! <sup>10</sup>Counsel a counsel, and it is frustrated. Speak a word, and it shall not stand; for God *is* with us. <sup>11</sup>For so the LORD spoke to me with a strong hand, and warned me against walking in the way of this people, saying, <sup>12</sup>Do not say, A conspiracy! to everything of which this people says, A conspiracy! And do not fear their fear, nor be afraid. <sup>13</sup>Sanctify the LORD of hosts Himself, and let Him *be* your fear, and let Him *be* your dread. <sup>14</sup>And He shall be a sanctuary for you, but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of falling to both the houses of Israel, for a trap and for a snare to the people of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And many among them shall stumble and fall and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. <sup>16</sup>Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples. <sup>17</sup>And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for Him. <sup>18</sup>Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup>And when they shall say to you, Seek to the mediums and to wizards who peep and mutter; should not a people seek to their God, *than* for the living to the dead? <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because there is no light in them. <sup>21</sup>And they shall pass through it, hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall be, they shall be hungry; They shall rave and curse their king and their God, and look upward. <sup>22</sup>And they shall look to the land; and behold, trouble and darkness and gloom of anguish! And *they are* driven away *into* deep darkness.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Yet there *will be* no gloom for her who was in anguish, as *in* the former time. He degraded the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, so afterwards He will glorify the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation. You have not increased the joy. They rejoice before You according to the joy in harvest, and *as men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For You have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his taskmaster, as *in* the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the warrior *is* with commotion, and the coat rolled in blood shall be burning fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be on His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There *is* no end of the increase of *His* government and peace on the throne of David, and on His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now on, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord sent a word to Jacob, and it has fallen on Israel. <sup>9</sup>And all the people shall know, Ephraim and the people of Samaria, who say in pride and hardness of heart, <sup>10</sup>The bricks have fallen down, but we will build *with* cut stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we use cedars instead. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD shall set up the foes of Rezin against him, and spur on his enemies; <sup>12</sup>Syria in front and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still. <sup>13</sup>For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, nor do they seek the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, *in* one day. <sup>15</sup>The elder and honorable, he *is* the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he *is* the tail. <sup>16</sup>For the leaders of this people led *them* astray; and their guided ones *are* swallowed up. <sup>17</sup>For this the Lord shall not rejoice over their young men, nor shall He have mercy on their orphans and widows; for everyone is a hypocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaks foolishness. In all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

<sup>18</sup>For wickedness burns like the fire; it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall roll upwards *like* the lifting up of smoke. <sup>19</sup>Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land scorched, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall have pity on his brother. <sup>20</sup>And *he shall* cut off on the right hand and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left, and they shall not be satisfied. Each man shall eat the flesh of his own arm; <sup>21</sup>Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together *shall be* against Judah. In all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the scribes *who* write toil; <sup>2</sup>to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to steal the right from the poor of My people, that widows may be their prey, and they rob the orphans! <sup>3</sup>And what will you do in the day of judgment and in destruction? It comes from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? <sup>4</sup>Surely they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. In all this His hand is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

<sup>5</sup>Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger! And the staff in their hand is My fury. <sup>6</sup>I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath.

I will command him to take the plunder, and to strip off the spoil, and to trample them like the mud of the streets. <sup>7</sup>Yet he does not plan this, nor does his heart think so. For *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off many nations. <sup>8</sup>For he says, Are not my commanders all like kings? <sup>9</sup>*Is* not Calno like Carchemish? *Is* not Hamath like Arpad? *Is* not Samaria like Damascus? <sup>10</sup>As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols, and their graven images *more than* Jerusalem's and Samaria's — <sup>11</sup>shall I not do to Jerusalem and her idols as I have done to Samaria and her idols? <sup>12</sup>And it will be, when the Lord has broken off all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the proud heart of the king of Assyria and the glory of his high looks. <sup>13</sup>For he says, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am wise. And I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the people like a strong man. <sup>14</sup>And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people; and as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; and there was none who moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

<sup>15</sup>Shall the axe boast itself against him who chops with it? Shall the saw magnify itself against him who moves it? As *if* the rod *could* wave those who lift it up! As *if* a staff *could* raise what is not wood! <sup>16</sup>Therefore the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, shall send leanness among his fat ones; and under his glory *He* shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. <sup>17</sup>And the light of Israel shall be as a fire, and His holy One as a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day. <sup>18</sup>And it shall burn up the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints. <sup>19</sup>And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child might write them.

<sup>20</sup>And it shall be in that day, the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob, shall never again lean on him who struck them; but truly lean on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>21</sup>The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. <sup>22</sup>For though Your people Israel are like the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return; the full end which is decreed shall overflow *with* righteousness. <sup>23</sup>For the Lord Jehovah of hosts shall make a full end, as ordained, in the midst of all the land. <sup>24</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah of hosts, O my people who dwell in Zion, do not fear Assyria. He shall strike you with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against you, in the way of Egypt. <sup>25</sup>But yet a little while, and the fury shall cease, and My anger *shall be* in their ruin. <sup>26</sup>And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a whip for Himself according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and *as* His rod *was* on the sea, so shall He lift it up in the way of Egypt. <sup>27</sup>And it shall be, in that day his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. <sup>28</sup>He has come to Aiath, he has passed to Migron; at Michmash he has stored his baggage; <sup>29</sup>they have gone over the passage; they have bedded down at Geba; Ramah is afraid, Gibeah of Saul has fled.

<sup>30</sup>Lift up your voice, daughter of heaps; shriek *with* your voice; bow Laishah, afflicted of Anathoth. <sup>31</sup>Madmenah wanders; the people of Gebim take refuge. <sup>32</sup>Yet he shall remain in Nob today; *he* shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. <sup>33</sup>Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the lofty ones shall be cut down, and the proud shall be humbled. <sup>34</sup>And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.



## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And a Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And He is made to breathe in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears. <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with uprightness for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His heart. <sup>6</sup>Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing for a banner of the people; to Him the nations shall seek; and His resting place shall be glorious. <sup>11</sup>And it shall be in that day, the Lord shall again set His hand to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. <sup>12</sup>And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup>And the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the foes of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim. <sup>14</sup>But they shall fly on the shoulders of the Philistines to the west; they shall spoil the sons of the east together; they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the sons of Ammon shall obey them. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with His scorching wind He shall shake His hand over the River, and shall strike it into seven streams, and make one tread *it* with shoes. <sup>16</sup>And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria; as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And in that day you shall say, O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, turn away Your anger, and You shall comfort me. <sup>2</sup>Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup>And with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And in that day you shall say, Praise the LORD! Call on His name; declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD; for He has done excellent things; this *is* known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Cry out and shout, O dweller of Zion; for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw: <sup>2</sup>Lift up a banner on a bare mountain, exalt the voice to them, shake the hand, so that they may go into the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup>I have commanded My holy ones, I have also called My mighty ones for anger, those who rejoice in My highness. <sup>4</sup>The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the

kingdoms of nations gathered together; the LORD of hosts gathers an army for the battle. <sup>5</sup>They come from a far country, from the end of the heavens, the LORD and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy all land. <sup>6</sup>How! For the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup>Therefore all hands shall be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; <sup>8</sup>and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. They shall be in pain like a woman who travails. They shall be amazed at one another, their faces *like* flames. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel and *with* wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land waste; and He shall destroy its sinners out of it. <sup>10</sup>For the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light. <sup>11</sup>And I will visit evil on the world, and their iniquity on the wicked. And I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the pride of tyrants.

<sup>12</sup>I will make a man more precious than gold; even a man than the fine gold of Ophir. <sup>13</sup>So I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger. <sup>14</sup>And it shall be as a driven gazelle, and as a sheep that no man takes up; each man shall look to his own people, and each one flee into his own land. <sup>15</sup>Everyone who is found shall be thrust through; and everyone who is joined *to them* shall fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup>And their children shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be robbed, and their wives raped. <sup>17</sup>Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not value silver; and they shall not delight in gold. <sup>18</sup>And bows shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not pity sons. <sup>19</sup>And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the majestic beauty of the Chaldees, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup>It shall never be inhabited forever, nor shall it be lived in from generation to generation; nor shall the Arabian pitch his tent there; nor shall the shepherds make their flocks there. <sup>21</sup>But the wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of howling creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and he-goats shall dance there. <sup>22</sup>And hyenas shall cry along with his widows, and jackals in palaces of delight. Yea, her time *is* coming near, and her days shall not be prolonged.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; and the stranger shall be joined with them, and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for slaves and slave girls. And they shall be captives of their captors; and they shall rule over their oppressors. <sup>3</sup>And it shall be in the day that the LORD shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard bondage which was pressed on you, <sup>4</sup>you shall take up this song against the king of Babylon and say, How the exactor, the gold gatherer has ceased! <sup>5</sup>The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers <sup>6</sup>who struck peoples in wrath, a blow without turning away, ruling the nations in anger, a persecution without restraint. <sup>7</sup>All the earth is at rest *and* is quiet; they break out into singing. <sup>8</sup>Yea, the fir trees rejoice at you, the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since you have fallen, no woodcutter will come up against us.

<sup>9</sup>Hell from below is moved for you, to meet *you* at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, all the he-goats of the earth. It has raised from their thrones all the kings of the nations. <sup>10</sup>All of them shall speak and say to you, Are you also as weak as we? Are you like us? <sup>11</sup>Your pride is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise

of your harps. The maggot is spread under you, and the worms cover you. <sup>12</sup>How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>For you have said in your heart, I will go up to the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. <sup>14</sup>I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. <sup>15</sup>Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the Pit. <sup>16</sup>Those who see you shall stare and closely watch you, *saying, Is this the man who made the earth to tremble; who shook kingdoms; who made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities; who did not open the house for his prisoners?* <sup>18</sup>All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. <sup>19</sup>But you are cast out of your grave *like* a hateful branch, *and like* the clothing of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trampled under foot. <sup>20</sup>You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you ruined your land *and* killed your people; the seed of evildoers shall never be famous. <sup>21</sup>Prepare slaughter for his sons, because of the iniquity of their fathers, so that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world *with* cities. <sup>22</sup>For I will rise up against them, says the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and son, and grandson, says the LORD. <sup>23</sup>I will also make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of ruin, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>24</sup>The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it shall come to pass; and as I have purposed, it shall stand; <sup>25</sup>to break Assyria in My land and on My mountains trample him under foot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden shall be taken off their shoulders. <sup>26</sup>This *is* the purpose that *is* purposed on all the earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out on all the nations. <sup>27</sup>For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who shall reverse *it*? And this *His* hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

<sup>28</sup>This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died: <sup>29</sup>Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, that the rod of your striking is broken. For a viper comes forth from the root of a snake, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent. <sup>30</sup>And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant. <sup>31</sup>Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! O Philistia, all of you, *are* melted away; for from the north a smoke comes, and no straggler in his ranks. <sup>32</sup>What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>The burden of Moab. Because Ar of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off; because in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off. <sup>2</sup>One has gone up to the house, even to Dibon, the high places, to weep. Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; baldness *shall be* on all their heads, every beard cut off. <sup>3</sup>In the streets they shall clothe themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, everyone shall howl, melting in tears. <sup>4</sup>And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz. So the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life *is* broken to him. <sup>5</sup>My heart shall cry to Moab; his fugitives *flee* to Zoar, a heifer of three years. He goes up the ascent to Luhith with weeping; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of ruin. <sup>6</sup>For the waters of Nimrim are desolation; for the hay has dried up and the grass fails, there is no green thing. <sup>7</sup>Therefore one made up the remainder and their store; over the torrent of the willows they shall carry them. <sup>8</sup>For the cry has gone around the border of Moab, its howling even to Eglaim; yea, its howling even to Beer-elim.

<sup>9</sup>For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will put on Dimon more *things* for the escaped ones of Moab — a lion, even for the remnant of the land.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Send the lamb to the ruler of the land from the rock of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Zion. <sup>2</sup>For it shall be as a fleeing bird cast out of the nest, the daughters of Moab shall be *at* the fords of Arnon. <sup>3</sup>Take counsel, do judgment; make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; do not betray the fugitive. <sup>4</sup>Let my outcasts dwell with you, Moab; be a shelter to them from the face of the destroyer; for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. <sup>5</sup>And in mercy the throne shall be established; and *he* shall sit on it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking judgment, and speeding righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>We have heard of the pride of Moab; very proud; even of his vanity, and his pride, and his rage; not so *are* his babblings. <sup>7</sup>So Moab shall howl for Moab, everyone shall howl. You shall mourn for the raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth; surely they are stricken. <sup>8</sup>For Heshbon's fields droop, the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have crushed its choice plants, they have come to Jazer, they wander *in* the desert; her branches are stretched out, they have crossed the sea. <sup>9</sup>Therefore the vine of Sibmah will weep with the weeping of Jazer. I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for the shouting has fallen on your fruit and on your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And gladness and joy are gathered out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there is no singing and no shouting. The treader shall tread out *no wine* in the presses; I have made their shouting to cease. <sup>11</sup>Therefore my belly shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my bowels for Kir-haresh. <sup>12</sup>And it shall be when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, he shall come to his sacred place to pray; but he shall not be able. <sup>13</sup>This is the word that the LORD has spoken to Moab since that time. <sup>14</sup>But now the LORD has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be abased with all that great host and the remnant few; small, not mighty.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>The burden against Damascus: Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a heap of ruins. <sup>2</sup>The cities of Aroer are forsaken; now they are for flocks; they shall lie down, and no one terrifies *them*. <sup>3</sup>And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the rest of Syria. They shall be as the glory of the sons of Israel, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>And it shall be in that day, the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be as reaping of the harvest grain, and his arm reaps the ears. And it shall be as he who gathers ears in the Valley of the Giants. <sup>6</sup>Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three ripe olives in the top of the uppermost branch, four or five in the fruit-tree branches of it, says the LORD God of hosts. <sup>7</sup>In that day a man shall look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. <sup>8</sup>And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, nor respect that which his fingers have made, either the Asherim or the images. <sup>9</sup>In that day his strong cities shall be like a forsaken branch, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the sons of Israel; <sup>10</sup>and there shall be ruin. Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your strength, therefore you shall plant pleasant plants and shall sow it a fresh shoot. <sup>11</sup>In the day of your planting you fence it in; and in the morning you make your seed sprout. But the harvest *shall be* a heap in that day of grief and dying pain. <sup>12</sup>Woe *to* the multitude of many people, who make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the

rushing of nations who make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! <sup>13</sup>The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. <sup>14</sup>At evening time, behold, terror! Before the morning, he is not! This is the lot of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the land of whirring of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, <sup>2</sup>which sends ambassadors by the sea, even in ships of papyrus on the waters, saying, Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginnings and onward; a nation measured out and trampled down, whose land the rivers have spoiled! <sup>3</sup>All people of the world and dwellers on the earth, you will see as one lifts up a banner on the peaks. And you will hear as the blowing of a trumpet. <sup>4</sup>For so the LORD said to me, I will take My rest, and I will look on in My dwelling place, like a clear heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. <sup>5</sup>For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches. <sup>6</sup>They shall be left together to the birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the birds shall summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter on them. <sup>7</sup>In that time shall be brought to the LORD of hosts the present of a dreadful people from a tall and smooth, from it and onward; a mighty and trampling nation whose land the rivers have divided, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, Mount Zion.

### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>The burden against Egypt: Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and comes into Egypt. And the idols of Egypt shall tremble at His presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in its midst. <sup>2</sup>And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight each man against his brother, and each against his neighbor; city against city, kingdom against kingdom. <sup>3</sup>And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst of it, and I will destroy its wisdom. And they shall seek to idols, and to the enchanters, and to the mediums, and to the future-tellers. <sup>4</sup>And I will shut up Egypt into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, says the Lord, The LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup>And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall fail and dry up. <sup>6</sup>And rivers shall be fouled; the Nile of Egypt will languish and dry up; the reed and the rush shall decay. <sup>7</sup>Bare places shall be at the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and everything sown by the Nile shall dry up, driven away, and be no more. <sup>8</sup>The fishermen also shall mourn, and all who drop a hook into the Nile shall wail, and those who spread nets on the waters shall droop. <sup>9</sup>And the workers in fine flax, and the weavers of white cloth shall be ashamed. <sup>10</sup>And her foundations shall be broken, and all who make wages shall be sad of soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely the rulers of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counselors of Pharaoh has become brutish. How do you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? <sup>12</sup>Where are they? Where are your wise men? And let them tell you now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts has planned against Egypt. <sup>13</sup>The rulers of Zoan have become fools, the rulers of Noph are deceived; they have also caused Egypt to go astray, the chief of her tribes. <sup>14</sup>The LORD has mixed a perverse spirit in its midst; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all its work, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. <sup>15</sup>And Egypt shall have no work that the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. <sup>16</sup>In that day Egypt shall be like women; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the

shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He shakes over it. <sup>17</sup>And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt; everyone mentions it shall be afraid within himself, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts, which He has purposed against it. <sup>18</sup>In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called the City of Ruin. <sup>19</sup>In that day there shall be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at its border to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt. For they shall cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He shall send them a deliverer, and a great one, and will deliver them.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and Egypt shall know the LORD in that day, and shall offer sacrifice and offering; and vow a vow to the LORD, and repay. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD shall strike Egypt; He shall strike and heal; and they shall return to the LORD, and He shall hear them and shall heal them. <sup>23</sup>In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria shall come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and Egypt shall serve Assyria. <sup>24</sup>In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land; <sup>25</sup>whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* My people Egypt, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod and took it; <sup>2</sup>at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and take the sackcloth off your loins, and take your shoe off your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said, Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years — a sign and wonder on Egypt and on Ethiopia — <sup>4</sup>so shall the king of Assyria lead away Egypt's prisoners, and the Ethiopian exiles, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with uncovered buttocks, *to* the shame of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their hope, and of Egypt their glory. <sup>6</sup>And he who lives in this coast shall say in that day, Behold, this *has become* of our hope *to* which we fled for help there, to be delivered from before the king of Assyria; and, How shall we escape?

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>The burden against the desert of the sea: As tempests in the south pass, it comes from the desert, from a terrible land. <sup>2</sup>A harsh vision is revealed to me; the deceiver deceives, and the plunderer plunders. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media! I have caused all her sighing to cease. <sup>3</sup>Therefore my loins are filled *with* pain; pangs have taken hold on me like the pangs of a woman who travails; I was bowed down from hearing; I was troubled from seeing. <sup>4</sup>My heart wanders, terror overwhelms me; He has turned the twilight of my pleasure into trembling. <sup>5</sup>Prepare the table, watch *in* the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, rulers. Anoint the shield. <sup>6</sup>For so the LORD has said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees. <sup>7</sup>And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen, a chariot of an ass, and a chariot of a camel. And he listened closely, very attentively. <sup>8</sup>And he cried, A lion! My lord, without ceasing, I stand on the watchtower by day, and I am stationed at my post all the nights. <sup>9</sup>And, behold, here comes a chariot of a man, a pair of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen! And all the graven images of her gods He has smashed to the ground. <sup>10</sup>O my threshing, and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

<sup>11</sup>The burden against Dumah: *He* calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? <sup>12</sup>The watchman said, The morning comes, and also the night; if you will inquire, inquire, and come again.

<sup>13</sup>The burden against Arabia: You shall stay in the forest of Arabia, O traveling companies of Dedanites. <sup>14</sup>The people of the land of Tema brought water to him who was thirsty; *they went* before him who fled with their bread. <sup>15</sup>For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the press of war. <sup>16</sup>For so has the LORD said to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall fail; <sup>17</sup>and the rest of the number of archers, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, shall be cut down; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>The burden against the valley of vision. What *ails* you now, that you have gone up to the housetops? <sup>2</sup>Crashings fill the noisy city, the joyous city Your slain ones are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. <sup>3</sup>All your rulers fled together; *they were* bound without the bow; all found in you are bound together; they have fled from afar. <sup>4</sup>Therefore I said, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly; do not hurry to comfort me because of the ruin of the daughter of my people. <sup>5</sup>For it is a day of trouble, and of trampling down, and of doubt by the LORD God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. <sup>6</sup>And Persia carried the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. <sup>7</sup>And it happened, your choicest valleys were full of chariots; and the horsemen surely set in order at the gate. <sup>8</sup>And he removed Judah's covering, and you looked in that day to the armor of the house of the forest. <sup>9</sup>You have seen also the breaks in the city of David, that they are many; and you gathered the waters of the lower pool. <sup>10</sup>And you have counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you have broken down the houses to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup>You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool; but you have not looked to its Maker, nor had respect to Him who formed it long ago. <sup>12</sup>And in that day the LORD of hosts called to weeping and mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth. <sup>13</sup>Then, lo, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine, *saying*, Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die! <sup>14</sup>And it was revealed in my ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you until you die, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

<sup>15</sup>So says the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, Go, go up to this treasurer, to Shebna who *is* over the house. *Say*, <sup>16</sup>What *is* to you here? And who *is* here to you, that you have carved out a tomb for yourself here, as one who cuts himself out a tomb on high, who cuts out a home for himself in a rock? <sup>17</sup>Behold, the LORD will hurl you *with* a hurling, O man, and grasp you *with* a grasping. <sup>18</sup>Whirling, He will whirl you like a ball into a large country; there you shall die, and there *are* the chariots of your glory, the shame of your lord's house. <sup>19</sup>And I will drive you from your position, and he will pull you from your station. <sup>20</sup>And in that day it shall be, even I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah. <sup>21</sup>and I will clothe him with your robe, and will fasten your girdle on him, and I will give your authority into his hand. And he shall be a father to the people of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup>And the key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. <sup>23</sup>And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. <sup>24</sup>And they shall hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the offshoots, all small vessels, from the vessels of cups, even

to all the vessels of jars. <sup>25</sup>In that day, says the LORD of hosts, the nail that is fastened in the sure place shall be removed, and be cut down, and fall. And the burden that was on it shall be cut off. The LORD has spoken.

### CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>The burden against Tyre: Howl, ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. <sup>2</sup>Be still, inhabitants of the coast, merchant of Sidon, who pass over the sea. They have filled you. <sup>3</sup>And by great waters, the seed of Sihor and the harvest of the river Nile *was* her revenue; and she a mart of nations. <sup>4</sup>Be ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the strength of the sea, saying, I have not traveled nor brought forth. I have not nourished young men *nor* raised up virgins. <sup>5</sup>As the report comes to Egypt, so they shall be grieved *at* the report of Tyre. <sup>6</sup>Pass over Tarshish. Howl, inhabitants of the coast! <sup>7</sup>Is this your joyous city from days of her old age? Her own feet carry it afar off to stay. <sup>8</sup>Who has purposed this against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants *are the* weighty of the earth? <sup>9</sup>The LORD of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory and to bring into contempt all the weighty of the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Pass through your land like a river, O daughter of Tarshish; *there is* no more strength. <sup>11</sup>He stretched out His hand over the sea; He shook kingdoms. The LORD has made a decree against the merchant city, to destroy its forts. <sup>12</sup>And He said, You shall rejoice no more, O crushed one, virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Chittim; also there you shall have no rest. <sup>13</sup>Behold the land of the Chaldeans! This people did not exist. Assyria founded it for those who live in the desert. They set up their siege-towers; they stripped its palaces. They made it a ruin. <sup>14</sup>Howl, ships of Tarshish! For your strength is laid waste. <sup>15</sup>And in that day Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will be as the son of a harlot to Tyre. <sup>16</sup>Take a harp, go about the city, O harlot who has been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs so that you may be remembered. <sup>17</sup>And it will be, after the end of seventy years the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. <sup>18</sup>And her goods and her wages shall be holiness to the LORD. It shall not be treasured nor laid up, for her goods shall be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat enough, and for a choice covering.

### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the LORD empties the land and makes it bare, and distorts its face, and scatters its inhabitants. <sup>2</sup>And as *it is* with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seiler; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. <sup>3</sup>The land shall be completely emptied, and utterly stripped; for the LORD has spoken this word.

<sup>4</sup>The earth mourns *and* languishes; the world droops *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. <sup>5</sup>And the land is defiled under its people; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant. <sup>6</sup>Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are deserted; therefore the people of the earth are burned, and few men left. <sup>7</sup>The new wine mourns, the vine droops, all the merry-hearted sigh. <sup>8</sup>The gladness of tabrets ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends; the joy of the harp ceases.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it. <sup>10</sup>The city of shame is broken down; every house is shut up so that no one



may come in. <sup>11</sup>A crying for wine is in the streets; all joy is darkened, the gladness in the land has gone. <sup>12</sup>In the city is left desolation, and the gate is stricken with ruin. <sup>13</sup>For so it is in the midst of the land among the people, *it shall be* like the shaking of an olive tree and as gleanings when the grape harvest is completed. <sup>14</sup>They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. <sup>15</sup>Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, the name of the Lord Jehovah of Israel in the coasts of the sea. <sup>16</sup>From the ends of the earth we have heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I said, Leanness to me! Leanness to me! Woe to me! Deceivers deceive, even perfidy. Deceivers deceive!

<sup>17</sup>Dread, and the pit, and the snare *are* on you, O dweller of the earth. <sup>18</sup>And it shall be, he who flees from the sound of dread shall fall into the pit. And he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For the windows from on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth quake. <sup>19</sup>The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering! <sup>20</sup>Like a drunkard the earth is staggering, staggering! And it rocks to and fro like a tree-but! And its sins heavy on it; and it shall fall and not rise again. <sup>21</sup>And it shall be in that day, the LORD shall punish the host of the high place on high, and on the kings of the earth on the earth. <sup>22</sup>And they shall be gathered, *as* prisoners are gathered in a dungeon. And they shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be judged. <sup>23</sup>Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, and gloriously before His elders.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You *are* my God; I will exalt You, I will praise Your name; for You have done a wonder; Counsels from afar; faithful faithfulness. <sup>2</sup>For You have made a heap from a city; a fortified city into a ruin; a citadel of foreigners *to be* no city; it shall never be built. <sup>3</sup>Therefore the strong people glorify You, the city of the fearful nations shall fear You. <sup>4</sup>For You are a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the fearful ones *is* like a storm *against* the wall. <sup>5</sup>You shalt bring down the noise of foreigners, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of cloud. The shouting of the terrifying ones shall be brought low. <sup>6</sup>And in this mountain the LORD of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the people, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined wine on the lees. <sup>7</sup>And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering which covers all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke of His people. For the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>And one shall say in that day, Lo, this *is* our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. <sup>10</sup>For the hand of the LORD shall rest in this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled under Him, even as straw *is* trampled in the water of a dung pit. <sup>11</sup>And He shall spread out *His hands* in their midst, as he who swims strokes to swim. And He shall bring down their pride together with the skill of His hands. <sup>12</sup>And the fortress of the high fort of your walls *He will* lay low, bring to the ground, to the dust.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; He sets up salvation *as our* walls and banks. <sup>2</sup>Open the gates, and the righteous nation shall enter in, keeping faithfulness. <sup>3</sup>You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind *is* stayed *on You*; because he trusts in You. <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD

forever; for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. <sup>5</sup>For He brings down those who dwell on high; He lays low the lofty city; He lays it low, even to the ground; He brings it to the dust. <sup>6</sup>The foot shall trample it down, even the feet of the poor and the steps of the needy. <sup>7</sup>The way of the just *is* uprightness; O Upright One, weigh the path of the just. <sup>8</sup>Yea, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we awaited You; for Your name and for Your memory *is* the desire of *our* soul. <sup>9</sup>With my soul I desired You in the night; yea, with my spirit within me I will seek You early; for when Your judgments *are* in the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

<sup>10</sup>Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>LORD, Your hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see and be ashamed for *their* envy toward Your people. Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them. <sup>12</sup>LORD, You will ordain peace for us; for You also have worked all our works in us. <sup>13</sup>O LORD our God, lords besides You have had the rule over us; *but* by You only will we make mention of Your name. <sup>14</sup>Dead ones do not live; departed spirits do not rise. Therefore You have visited and destroyed them, and made all memory of them to perish. <sup>15</sup>You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have extended all the ends of the land. <sup>16</sup>LORD, in trouble they have visited You; they poured out a prayer; Your chastening was on them. <sup>17</sup>As a woman with child draws near to bear, she is in pain *and* cries out in her pangs; so have we been in Your sight, O LORD. <sup>18</sup>We conceived; we have been in pain, we have as it were brought out wind. We have not brought about any salvation *in* the earth; nor have the people of the world fallen. <sup>19</sup>Your dead ones shall live, *together with* my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew *is* as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. <sup>20</sup>Come, my people, enter into your rooms and shut your doors around you; hide yourself as it were *for* a little moment, until the fury has passed by. <sup>21</sup>For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the people of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall reveal her blood, and shall no more cover her dead.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>In that day the LORD with His great and grievous and strong sword shall punish the sea-monster, the darting serpent, the sea-monster, that twisting serpent; and He shall kill the monster that *is* in the sea. <sup>2</sup>In that day sing to her, a delightful vineyard. <sup>3</sup>I the LORD keep it; I will water it *every* moment; lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day. <sup>4</sup>Fury is not in Me; who would set the briers *and* thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them; I would burn them together. <sup>5</sup>Or let them take hold of My strength, *that* he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me. <sup>6</sup>He shall cause those who come from Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world *with* fruit. <sup>7</sup>Has He stricken him, as He struck those who struck Him? Is He slain according to the slaughter of those who are slain by Him? <sup>8</sup>In measure by measure, when sending her away, You punished her. He takes away by His rough wind, in the day of the east wind. <sup>9</sup>By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk-stones that are beaten in pieces, the Asherahs and sun-pillars shall not stand up. <sup>10</sup>Yet the fortified city *shall be* wasted, *and* the dwelling forsaken and left like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down and eat up its branches. <sup>11</sup>When its branches are dried up, they shall be broken off; the women come *and* set them on fire; for it *is* a people of no

understanding. Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, and He who formed them will show them no favor. <sup>12</sup>And it shall be, in that day the LORD shall beat off His fruit from the stream of the river Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And it shall be, in that day the great trumpet shall be blown, and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria shall come, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt shall come and shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

#### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower which is on the head of the fat valleys of those who are overcome with wine! <sup>2</sup>Behold, the Lord is a mighty and strong one, like a hailstorm, a destroying storm; like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, He casts down to the earth with the hand. <sup>3</sup>The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trampled under foot; <sup>4</sup>and the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the first-ripe fruit before the summer; which the beholder of it swallows up while it is yet in his hand. <sup>5</sup>In that day the LORD of hosts shall be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the rest of His people, <sup>6</sup>and for a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn back the battle to the gate. <sup>7</sup>But they also have sinned through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way. The priest and the prophet have sinned through drink; they are swallowed up by wine; they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. <sup>8</sup>For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness; no place is clean.

<sup>9</sup>Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Those weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts. <sup>10</sup>For precept must be on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; <sup>11</sup>for with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people. <sup>12</sup>To whom He said, This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing. Yet they were not willing to hear. <sup>13</sup>But the word of the LORD was to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken and snared and taken. <sup>14</sup>Therefore hear the word of the LORD, scornful men who rule this people in Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and we have an agreement with hell; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, it shall not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood, <sup>16</sup>therefore so says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I place in Zion a Stone for a foundation, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation; he who believes shall not flee away. <sup>17</sup>Also I will lay judgment to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. <sup>18</sup>And your covenant with death shall be wiped out, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, then you shall be beaten down by it. <sup>19</sup>From the time that it goes out it shall take you; for morning by morning it shall pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be nothing less than a terror to give ear to the message. <sup>20</sup>For the bed is shorter than one can stretch himself on, and the cover is narrower than one can wrap himself in. <sup>21</sup>For the LORD shall rise up as in Mount Perazim; He shall be angry as in the valley of Gibeon, so that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act. <sup>22</sup>So then do not be mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord Jehovah of hosts that a full end is decreed on all the earth.

<sup>23</sup>Give ear and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech. <sup>24</sup>Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground? <sup>25</sup>When he has made the face of it level, does he not cast out the dill and scatter the cummin, and throw in the choice wheat and the chosen barley and the spelt *in its border*? <sup>26</sup>For his God instructs him to do right; his God teaches him. <sup>27</sup>For the dill is not threshed with a threshing instrument, nor is a cart wheel turned about on the cummin; but the dill is beaten out with a staff and the cummin with a rod. <sup>28</sup>Bread *grain* is crushed, but not always does one thresh it *with* threshing. And he drives the wheel of his cart; and his horses do not beat it small. <sup>29</sup>This also comes out from the LORD of hosts, who is wonderful in wisdom, making sound wisdom great.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt! Add year to year; let them kill their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Then I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it shall be to me as Ariel. <sup>3</sup>And I will camp against you all around, and will lay siege against you with a mount, and I will raise forts against you. <sup>4</sup>And you shall be brought down; you shall speak out of the ground, and your speech shall be low out of the dust, and your voice shall be like a spiritist, out of the ground, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust. <sup>5</sup>And the multitude of your strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passes away; yea, it shall be at an instant, suddenly. <sup>6</sup>You shall be visited by the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake and great noise, with storm and whirlwind, and the flame of devouring fire. <sup>7</sup>And the multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, shall be like a dream of a night vision. <sup>8</sup>It shall even be as when a hungry one dreams, and behold, he eats; but he wakes and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, *he is* faint and his soul is longing. So shall it be with the multitude of all the nations who fight against mount Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Stand still and wonder! Blind your eyes and be blind! They are drunk, but not *with* wine; they stagger, but not *with* strong drink. <sup>10</sup>For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes; He has covered the prophets and your heads, the seers. <sup>11</sup>And the vision of all has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which they deliver to one who knows books saying, Please read this; and he says, I cannot, for it *is* sealed. <sup>12</sup>And the book is delivered to him who does not know books, saying, Please read this; and he says, I do not know books. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said, Because this people draw near *Me* with their mouth, and with their lips honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me *is* taught by the command of men; <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will go on doing an amazing work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder. For the wisdom of their wise ones shall perish, and the understanding of their intelligent ones shall be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Woe to those who go deep to hide *their* purpose from the LORD! And their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? And who knows us? <sup>16</sup>O your perversity! Shall the Former be counted as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him who made it, He did not make me? Or shall the thing formed say to him who formed it, He had no understanding? <sup>17</sup>*Is* it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of their gloom and darkness. <sup>19</sup>And the meek shall increase joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>20</sup>For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the scorner is destroyed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off; <sup>21</sup>those who make a man guilty by a word, and lay a trap for the reprovcr in the gate, and turn aside the just for a worthless thing. <sup>22</sup>Therefore so says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now become pale. <sup>23</sup>But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they shall sanctify My name, and sanctify the Holy one of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>Those who erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmured shall learn doctrine.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the rebellious sons, says the LORD, who take advice, but not of Me; and who cover with a covering, but not of My Spirit, that they add sin to sin; <sup>2</sup>those who set out to go down to Egypt and have not asked at My mouth; to make themselves strong in the strength of Pharaoh and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! <sup>3</sup>Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be your curse. <sup>4</sup>For his rulers were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. <sup>5</sup>They were all ashamed of a people who could not profit them, nor be a help nor gain, but a shame and also a reproach.

<sup>6</sup>The burden concerning the beasts of the south. Into the land of trouble and woe. The lioness and the lion are from them; the viper, and the fiery flying serpent. They carry their riches on the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people that cannot profit. <sup>7</sup>For Egypt help vainly, and worthless. So I have cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

<sup>8</sup>Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, so that it may be for the time to come forever and ever, <sup>9</sup>that this is a rebellious people, lying sons. They are sons who will not hear the law of the LORD; <sup>10</sup>who say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy falsehood; <sup>11</sup>go out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. <sup>12</sup>Therefore so says the Holy One of Israel, Because you have despised this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rest on them; <sup>13</sup>therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a branch ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. <sup>14</sup>And He shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces. He shall have no pity, so that there shall not be found in the breaking of it a piece to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the pit. <sup>15</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; and in quietness and hope shall be your strength. And you would not do so. <sup>16</sup>But you said, No; for we will flee on horses. Therefore you shall flee. And you said, We will ride on the swift; therefore those who pursue you shall be swift. <sup>17</sup>One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five you shall flee, until you are left as a pole on the top of a mountain, and as a sign on a hill. <sup>18</sup>And so the LORD waits to be gracious to you. And therefore He is exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of judgment; blessed are all those who wait for Him. <sup>19</sup>For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more; He will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer you. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction; yet your teachers shall not be removed into a corner any more, but your eyes shall see your teachers. <sup>21</sup>And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left. <sup>22</sup>You shall also defile the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molten images of gold. You shall cast

them away like a menstruous cloth. You shall say to it, Get away from here. <sup>23</sup>Then He shall give the rain for your seed, with which you sow the ground. And the bread of the produce of the earth also shall be fat and plentiful. In that day your cattle shall feed in large pastures. <sup>24</sup>Also the oxen and the young asses that plow the ground shall eat clean fodder, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan. <sup>25</sup>And there shall be on every high mountain, and on every high hill, rivers, streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. <sup>26</sup>And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the break of His people and heals the stroke of their wound.

<sup>27</sup>Behold, the name of the LORD comes from far, burning with His anger, and the burden is heavy; His lips are full of fury, and His tongue like a devouring fire. <sup>28</sup>And like an overflowing stream, His breath shall reach to the middle of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity. And a bridle will be in the jaws of the people, causing them to go astray. <sup>29</sup>You shall have a song, as in the keeping of a holy feast night; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And the LORD shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and the bringing down of His arm shall be seen with raging and flame of a devouring fire, with scattering and storm and hailstones. <sup>31</sup>For through the voice of the LORD the Assyrian shall be beaten down, who struck with a rod. <sup>32</sup>And in every place which the ordained staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay on him, it shall be with tabrets and harps; in battles of shaking He will fight with them. <sup>33</sup>For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared. He has made it deep and large. He makes great with fire and wood. The breath of the LORD kindles it, like a torrent of brimstone.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help; and lean on horses and trust in chariots, because it is great; and in horsemen, because they are so very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek the LORD! <sup>2</sup>Yet He also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words, but will arise against the house of the evil-doers and against the help of those who work iniquity. <sup>3</sup>And Egypt is a man, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not Spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out His hand, both he who helps shall fall, and he who is helped shall fall down, and they shall all cease together. <sup>4</sup>For so has the LORD spoken to me: As the lion roars, even the young lion on his prey when a multitude of shepherds are gathered against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor fret himself because of their noise. So the LORD of hosts shall come down to fight for Mount Zion, and on its hill. <sup>5</sup>As birds flying, so the LORD of hosts will defend Jerusalem; also defending, He will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it.

<sup>6</sup>Turn to Him from whom the sons of Israel have deeply revolted. <sup>7</sup>For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your hands have made for you — a sin. <sup>8</sup>Then Assyria shall fall with the sword, not of a great man; and the sword, not of a lowly man, shall devour him. For he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be put to slavery. <sup>9</sup>And he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his rulers shall be afraid of the banner, says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and rulers shall rule in judgment. <sup>2</sup>And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a

weary land. <sup>3</sup>And the eyes of those who see shall not be dim, and the ears of those who hear shall listen. <sup>4</sup>And the heart of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of those who stutter shall be ready to speak plainly. <sup>5</sup>The fool shall no more be called noble, nor the miser said *to be* bountiful. <sup>6</sup>For the fool will speak evil, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy and to speak misleading things against the LORD, to make the soul of the hungry empty, and he will take away the drink of the thirsty. <sup>7</sup>Also the weapons of the fool *are* evil; he thinks of wicked ways to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks right. <sup>8</sup>But the noble thinks noble things; and by noble things he shall stand.

<sup>9</sup>Rise up, women who are at ease; hear my voice, careless daughters; listen to my speech. <sup>10</sup>Many days and years you shall be troubled, careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. <sup>11</sup>Tremble, women at ease; be troubled, careless ones; strip yourselves and make yourselves bare, and put *sackcloth* on *your* loins. <sup>12</sup>They shall mourn for the breasts, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. <sup>13</sup>On the land of my people shall come up thorns *and* briars; yea, on all the houses of joy *in* the joyous city; <sup>14</sup>because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks <sup>15</sup>until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is thought to be a forest. <sup>16</sup>Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup>And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the work of righteousness shall be quietness and hope forever. <sup>18</sup>And my people shall dwell in a peaceable home, and in secure dwellings and quiet resting places <sup>19</sup>even when it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place. <sup>20</sup>Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters, who send out the feet of the ox and the ass there.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>Woe *to* the destroyer, and you who have not been destroyed; and *to* you traitor whom they have not betrayed! When you stop plundering, you shall be plundered. When you stop being a traitor, they shall betray you. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for You; be their arm in the mornings; our salvation also in the time of trouble. <sup>3</sup>At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of Yourself the nations were scattered. <sup>4</sup>And your spoil shall be gathered *as* the stripping locust gathers; as the running to and fro of locusts he shall run on them. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is exalted; for He dwells on high. He has filled Zion *with* judgment and righteousness. <sup>6</sup>And He will be the security of your times, *and* strength of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure. <sup>7</sup>Behold, their mighty ones shall cry outside; the messengers of peace shall weep bitterly. <sup>8</sup>The highways lie waste, the traveler ceases. He has broken the covenant. He has despised the cities. He cared for no man. <sup>9</sup>The earth mourns *and* droops. Lebanon is ashamed; Sharon withers like a wilderness; Bashan and Carmel are shaken out. <sup>10</sup>Now I will rise, says the LORD; now I will be exalted; now I will lift up Myself. <sup>11</sup>You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring out stubble; your breath, like fire, shall devour you. <sup>12</sup>And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; like thorns cut up, they shall be burned in the fire. <sup>13</sup>You who are far off, hear what I have done; and you near ones, know My might.

<sup>14</sup>The sinners in Zion are afraid; terror has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell *with* the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell *with* everlasting burnings? <sup>15</sup>He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands free from holding bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil; <sup>16</sup>He

shall dwell *on high*; his refuge shall be the strongholds of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. <sup>17</sup>Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off. <sup>18</sup>Your heart shall dwell on terror. Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the weigher? Where *is* he who counted the towers? <sup>19</sup>You shall not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than you can understand; of a tongue *that* no one understands. <sup>20</sup>Look on Zion, the city of our holy meetings; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet home, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of its stakes shall ever be removed, nor shall any of its cords be broken. <sup>21</sup>But there the glorious LORD *will be* to us a place of broad rivers *and* streams, in which no galley with oars shall go, nor shall mighty ship pass by it. <sup>22</sup>For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; He will save us. <sup>23</sup>Your ropes are loosened, they do not hold the base of the mast; they could not spread the sail. Then the prey of a great spoil shall be divided; the lame take the prey. <sup>24</sup>And an inhabitant, the people who live in it shall not say, I am sick; iniquity is taken away.

### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>Come near, nations, to hear; and, you people, listen; let the earth hear, and its fullness; the world, and its offspring. <sup>2</sup>For the anger of the LORD *is* on all nations, and *His* fury on all their armies. He has completely destroyed them, He has delivered them to the slaughter. <sup>3</sup>Also their dead shall be thrown out, and their stink shall come up out of their dead bodies, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. <sup>4</sup>And all the host of the heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled like a scroll; and all their host shall droop, as a leaf falls off from the vine, and as the falling from the fig-tree. <sup>5</sup>For my sword bathed in the heavens. Behold, it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of my curse for judgment. <sup>6</sup>The sword of the LORD *is* filled *with* blood; it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the LORD *has* a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. <sup>7</sup>And the wild oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the *bulls*; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. <sup>8</sup>For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year to repay for the fighting against Zion. <sup>9</sup>And its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust to brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch. <sup>10</sup>It shall not be put out night or day; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none passes through it forever. <sup>11</sup>But the pelican and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also, and the raven, shall dwell in it. And He shall stretch out on it the line of shame, and the stones of emptiness. <sup>12</sup>They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her rulers shall be nothing. <sup>13</sup>And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it shall be a home of jackals *and* a court for ostriches. <sup>14</sup>The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the howling beasts; and the shaggy goat shall cry to his fellow. The screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. <sup>15</sup>There the snake shall nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow; there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate. <sup>16</sup>Seek out of the book of the LORD, and read; not one of these shall fail, none shall lack its mate; for My mouth has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them. <sup>17</sup>And He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it to them by line; they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the desert shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. <sup>2</sup>It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even



with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the honor of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD and the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Make the weak hands strong and make the feeble knees sure. <sup>4</sup>Say to those of a hasty heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, with the full dealing of God. He will come and save you. <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness waters shall break out, and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup>And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of water in the home of jackals, in its lair, and a place for the reed and rush. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it. But He shall be with them; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *in* it. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor any beast of prey shall go up on it; it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy on their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. <sup>2</sup>And the king of Assyria sent the chief of the cupbearers from Lachish to Jerusalem, to king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the Fuller's Field. <sup>3</sup>Then Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Asaph's son Joah, the recorder, came out to him. <sup>4</sup>And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, So says the great king, the king of Assyria, What hope *is* this in which you trust? <sup>5</sup>I say, *Are* only words of the lips wisdom and strength for war? Now, in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? <sup>6</sup>Lo, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; on which, *if* a man lean, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. <sup>7</sup>But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God; *is it* not He whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar? <sup>8</sup>Now then, please exchange pledges with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses if you are able on your part to set riders on them. <sup>9</sup>How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? <sup>10</sup>Have I now come up without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it. <sup>11</sup>And Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to the chief of the cupbearers, Please speak to your servants *in* Aramaic, for we understand it. But do not speak to us *in* Jewish in the ears of the people on the wall. <sup>12</sup>But the chief of the cupbearers said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall? that they may eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you? <sup>13</sup>Then the chief of the cupbearers stood and cried with a loud voice *in* Jewish, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. <sup>14</sup>So says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup>Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us; this city shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of Assyria. <sup>16</sup>Do not listen to Hezekiah; for so says the king of Assyria, Make a blessing with me *by* a present, and come out to me; and let everyone eat *of* his vine, and everyone *of* his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own cistern, <sup>17</sup>until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. <sup>18</sup>Let not Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Has any of the gods of

the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>19</sup>Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? And when have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? <sup>20</sup>Who among all the gods of these lands that have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? <sup>21</sup>But they were silent and did not answer him a word, for the king's command, saying, Do not answer him. <sup>22</sup>Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah *with their clothes torn* and told him the words of the chief of the cupbearers.

### CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when king Hezekiah heard, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup>And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy! For the sons have come to the birth, and no strength to bring out. <sup>4</sup>It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of the chief of the cupbearers, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD your God has heard. And you shall lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left.

<sup>5</sup>So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. <sup>6</sup>And Isaiah said to them, So you shall say to your master, So says the LORD, Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. <sup>7</sup>Behold, I will send a blast on him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. <sup>8</sup>So the chief of the cupbearers returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah. For he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup>And he heard concerning Tirhakeh king of Ethiopia, He has come out to war with you. And he heard and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, <sup>10</sup>So you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. <sup>11</sup>Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by completely destroying them. And shall you be delivered? <sup>12</sup>Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed: Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the sons of Eden who were in Telassar? <sup>13</sup>Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

<sup>14</sup>And Hezekiah received the letter from the courier's hand, and read it. And Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD and spread it before the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying, <sup>16</sup>O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubs, You *are* He, God, You alone to all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth. <sup>17</sup>Bow down Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib which he has sent to mock the living God. <sup>18</sup>Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their land, <sup>19</sup>and have cast their gods into the fire — for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone — so they have destroyed them. <sup>20</sup>And now, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD, You alone.

<sup>21</sup>And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says the LORD God of Israel, Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

<sup>22</sup>this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken *her* head at you. <sup>23</sup>Whom have you mocked and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised *your* voice and lifted up your eyes on high? *Even* against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>24</sup>By your servants you have mocked the LORD and have said, I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars of it, *and* its choice fir trees; and I will go to its greatest height, the forest of its Carmel. <sup>25</sup>I have dug and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the streams of Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Have you not heard from afar? I made it from days of old, even I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass that you should be able to lay waste fortified cities *into* heaps, ruins. <sup>27</sup>And their inhabitants were short of hand; they were dismayed and ashamed. They were *as* the grass of the field, and as the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, even grain blasted before it has risen. <sup>28</sup>But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me. <sup>29</sup>Because of your raging against Me, and your arrogance has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.

<sup>30</sup>And this *shall be* a sign to you: You shall eat self-sown grain *this* year; and the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. <sup>31</sup>The remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward; <sup>32</sup>for out of Jerusalem shall go out a remnant, and those who escape out of Mount Zion; the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this. <sup>33</sup>So the LORD says this concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it *with* shields, nor cast a bank against it. <sup>34</sup>By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD. <sup>35</sup>For I will defend this city to save it, for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.

<sup>36</sup>Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of Assyria. And they rose early in the morning, and behold, they *were* all dead corpses. <sup>37</sup>And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh. <sup>38</sup>And it happened as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword. And they escaped *into* the land of Ararat; and Esar-haddan his son reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, So says the LORD, Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live. <sup>2</sup>Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, <sup>3</sup>and said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done the good in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept *with* a great weeping. <sup>4</sup>Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, <sup>5</sup>Go and say to Hezekiah: So says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add to your days fifteen years. <sup>6</sup>And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. And I will defend this city. <sup>7</sup>And this *shall be* a sign to you from the LORD that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken: <sup>8</sup>behold, I will bring again the shadow of the steps, which has gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten steps backward. So the sun returned ten steps, by which steps it had gone down.

<sup>9</sup>The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: <sup>10</sup>I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave; I have numbered the rest of my years. <sup>11</sup>I said, I shall not see Jah, Jehovah, in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more with the people of the world. <sup>12</sup>My generation *is* departed and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like a weaver; He will cut me off with pining sickness; from day even to night You will make an end of me. <sup>13</sup>I place Him before me until morning, that, as a lion, so He will break all my bones; from day *even* until night You will make an end of me. <sup>14</sup>Like a twittering swallow, so I chatter; I mourn as a dove; my eyes look weakly to the heights. O LORD, I am pressed down; be surety for me.

<sup>15</sup>What shall I say? He has spoken to me, and He Himself has acted; I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, by these *things men* live, and in all these *is* the life of my spirit; so You will recover me, and make me to live. <sup>17</sup>Behold, I had great bitterness for peace; but You loved my soul from the pit of destruction. You have cast all my sins behind Your back. <sup>18</sup>For the grave cannot praise You, death *can not* rejoice in You; they who go down into the pit cannot hope for Your truth. <sup>19</sup>The living, the living, he shall praise You, as I *do* this day; the father shall make Your truth known to the children. <sup>20</sup>For the LORD *is* for my salvation; and we will sing my songs on the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>For Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs and rub it on the ulcer; and he will live. <sup>22</sup>And Hezekiah said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

#### CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered. <sup>2</sup>And Hezekiah rejoiced over them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them. <sup>3</sup>Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did you say to these men? And where did they come from to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country to me, from Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in my house they have seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them. <sup>5</sup>Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: <sup>6</sup>Behold, the days come when all that *is* in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And of your sons which shall issue from you, which you shall bring out, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. <sup>8</sup>Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which you have spoken. And he said, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak lovingly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is done, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>The voice of him who cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight a highway in the desert for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made level, and the rough places smooth; <sup>5</sup>and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and

all flesh shall see *it* together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. <sup>6</sup>The voice said, Cry! And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the beauty of *it is* as the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; because the Spirit of the LORD blows on it; surely the people *is* grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>You who bring good tidings to Zion, get up into the mountain. Lift up your voice with strength, O you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem; lift up, do not be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God! <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with a strong *hand*, and His aim shall rule for Him; behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him. <sup>11</sup>He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry *them* in His bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young. <sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured out the heavens with a span? And who has shut up the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup>Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, and *what* man taught Him counsel? <sup>14</sup>With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and showed the way of understanding to Him? <sup>15</sup>Behold, the nations *are* like a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the scales; behold, He takes up the coasts as a very little thing. <sup>16</sup>And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor the beasts of it enough *for* a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>All nations before Him *are* as nothing; and to Him they are thought to be less than nothing, and vanity.

<sup>18</sup>To whom then will you compare God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? <sup>19</sup>The workman melts a graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and casts silver chains. <sup>20</sup>He *too* poor for *that* offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he looks for a skillful workman to prepare a graven image that shall not be moved. <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood *from* the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>*It is* He who sits on the circle of the earth, and its people *are* like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity. <sup>24</sup>Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown. Yes, their stump shall not take root in the earth. And He shall also blow on them, and they shall wither, and the tempest shall take them away like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare Me, or *am* I equaled? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, who has created these, who brings out their host by number? He calls them all by names by the greatness of His might, for *He is* strong in power; not one is lacking. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD and my judgment has passed over from my God? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not grow weak nor weary? There is no searching of His understanding. <sup>29</sup>*He* gives power to the weary; and to him with no vigor; He increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even the young shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up *with* wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

#### CHAPTER 41

<sup>1</sup>Keep silence before Me, O coasts; and peoples shall renew strength; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together for judgment. <sup>2</sup>Who raised up the righteous one from the east, called him to His foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? He *gave them* as the dust to his sword,

and as driven stubble to his bow. <sup>3</sup>He pursued them; he passed on in peace. He does not go by the way of his feet. <sup>4</sup>Who has planned and done it, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I the LORD *am* the first and the last; I *am* He. <sup>5</sup>The coasts saw and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, and drew near, and came. <sup>6</sup>They each one helped his neighbor, and said to his brother, Be strong. <sup>7</sup>So the artisan strengthens the refiner, and he smoothing *with* the hammer, him who struck the anvil, saying of soldering, It is good. And he made it strong with nails; it will not be moved.

<sup>8</sup>But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, My friend; <sup>9</sup>whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from its sides. And I said to you, You *are* My servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear; for I *am* with you; be not dismayed; for I *am* your God. I will make you strong; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. <sup>11</sup>Behold, all those who were angered against you shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing. And those who fight with you shall perish. <sup>12</sup>You shall seek them, and shall not find them, even those who fought with you; men warring *against* you shall be as nothing, and as a worthless thing. <sup>13</sup>For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, Do not fear; I will help you. <sup>14</sup>Do not fear, worm of Jacob and men of Israel; I will help you, says the LORD, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I make you a new sharp threshing instrument with teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shall make the hills like chaff. <sup>16</sup>You shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and a tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the LORD *and* shall glory in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>17</sup>The poor and needy seek water, and there is none; their tongue fails for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not leave them. <sup>18</sup>I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. <sup>19</sup>I will plant the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree. I will set the fir tree in the desert, *and* the pine, and the box tree together; <sup>20</sup>so that they may see, and know, and look on, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

<sup>21</sup>Bring near your cause, says the LORD; bring out your strong *reasons*, says the King of Jacob. <sup>22</sup>Let them bring *them* out, and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they are, that we may look on them and know the final end of them; or declare to us things to come. <sup>23</sup>Show the things that will happen in the future, so that we may know that you *are* gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, so that we may be amazed and see together. <sup>24</sup>Behold, you *are* of nothing, and your work of nothing. He who chooses you *is* an abomination. <sup>25</sup>I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come from the sunrise; he will call on My name. And he shall come *on* rulers as *on* mortar, and as the potter tramples clay. <sup>26</sup>Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? And beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? Yea, no one declares; yea, no one proclaims; yea, no one hears your words. <sup>27</sup>I first *shall* say to Zion, Behold! Behold them! and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good news. <sup>28</sup>For I looked, and *there* was no man; and of these no counselor was, that I might ask and they could answer. <sup>29</sup>Behold, they *are* all evil; their works *are* nothing; their images *are* wind and vanity.

## CHAPTER 42

<sup>1</sup>Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; My Elect, *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit on Him; He shall bring out judgment to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He shall

not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.<sup>3</sup> A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoking wick He shall not quench; He shall bring out judgment to truth.<sup>4</sup> He shall not fail nor be discouraged until He has set judgment in the earth; and the coasts shall wait for His law.<sup>5</sup> So says Jehovah God, He who created the heavens and stretched them out, spreading out the earth and its offspring; He who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it.<sup>6</sup> I the LORD have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a covenant of the people, for a Light of the nations;<sup>7</sup> to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison house.<sup>8</sup> I *am* the LORD; that *is* My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they happen, I tell you of them.

<sup>10</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; His praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and its fullness; coasts and their peoples.<sup>11</sup> Let the wilderness and its cities lift up *their voice*, the villages *where* Kedar dwells. Let the dwellers of the rock sing, let them shout from the mountain tops.<sup>12</sup> Give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the coasts.<sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out as a warrior, He stirs up zeal like a man of wars; He cries, yea, roar; He overcomes His enemies.<sup>14</sup> I have kept silence from forever; I have been still and refrained. Now I will cry like a woman in pangs of labor, I will pant and gasp at once.<sup>15</sup> I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their plants. And I will make the rivers coastlands, and I will dry up the pools.<sup>16</sup> And I will bring the blind by a way they knew not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. I will do these things to them, and not forsake them.<sup>17</sup> They are turned back, they are greatly ashamed, those who trust in graven images and who say to the images, You *are* our gods.<sup>18</sup> Hear, deaf ones; and blind ones look to see.<sup>19</sup> Who *is* blind but My servant? Or deaf, as My messenger whom I sent? Who *is* blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?<sup>20</sup> You see many things, but do not pay attention. You open the ears, but do not hear.<sup>21</sup> The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness sake; He will magnify the Law and make *it* honorable.

<sup>22</sup>But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; all of them snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison-houses; they have been taken, and none delivers them; a prize, and none says, Give back.<sup>23</sup> Who among you will hear this? He will listen and hear for the time to come?<sup>24</sup> Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to robbers? Did not the LORD, against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in His ways, nor did they obey His law.<sup>25</sup> So He has poured on him the fury of His anger, and the strength of battle. And it has set him on fire all around, yet he did not know; and it burned him, yet he did not lay *it* to heart.

#### CHAPTER 43

<sup>1</sup>But now so says the LORD who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; you *are* Mine.<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle on you.<sup>3</sup> For I *am* the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I gave Egypt *for* your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you.<sup>4</sup> Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.<sup>5</sup> Fear not; for I *am* with you. I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west.<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Do not keep back;

bring My sons from far and My daughters from the ends of the earth; <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I *have* made him.

<sup>8</sup>Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. <sup>9</sup>Let all the nations be brought together, and let the people be gathered; who among them can declare this and show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, *It is true.* <sup>10</sup>You *are* My witnesses, says the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me no God was formed, nor shall there be after Me. <sup>11</sup>Even I, am the LORD; and there is none to save besides Me. <sup>12</sup>I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when there was no strange god among you; therefore you *are* My witnesses, says the LORD, that I *am* God. <sup>13</sup>Yea, before the day *was*, I *am* He; and no one delivers out of My hand; I will work, and who will reverse it?

<sup>14</sup>So says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships. <sup>15</sup>I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. <sup>16</sup>So says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters; <sup>17</sup>who brings out the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are put out, they are snuffed out like a wick. <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall sprout; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The beasts of the field shall honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. <sup>21</sup>This people *that* I formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise. <sup>22</sup>But you have not called on Me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, O Israel. <sup>23</sup>You have not brought Me the lamb of your burnt offerings; nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense. <sup>24</sup>You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled Me *with* the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities. <sup>25</sup>I *am* He who blots out your sins for My own sake, and will not remember your sins. <sup>26</sup>Cause Me to remember; let us enter into judgment; declare yourself, that you may be justified. <sup>27</sup>Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have sinned against Me. <sup>28</sup>And I will defile rulers of the sanctuary, and will give Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

#### CHAPTER 44

<sup>1</sup>Yet now hear, O Jacob My servant, and Israel *whom* I have chosen; <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD who made you, and formed you from the womb, *who* will help you; Fear not, O Jacob My servant, and you, Jeshurun, *whom* I have chosen. <sup>3</sup>For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground. I will pour My spirit on your seed, and My blessing on your offspring; <sup>4</sup>and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses. <sup>5</sup>One shall say, I *am* the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall write with his hand, For the LORD, and be named by the name of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>So says the LORD, the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and besides Me there is no God. <sup>7</sup>And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it and set it in order for Me, since I placed the people of old? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show to them. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you since then? So you *are* My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Yea, *there is* no God; I do not know *any*.



<sup>9</sup>Those who make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and the things in which they delight shall not help; and they *are* their own witnesses. They do not see nor know, that they may be ashamed. <sup>10</sup>Who has formed a god, or melted a graven image *that* is good for nothing? <sup>11</sup>Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; and the craftsmen; they *are* from men. They shall assemble; all of them shall stand; they shall dread; they shall be ashamed together. <sup>12</sup>He engraves iron *with* a tool. He works in the coals, and forms it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms. Yes, he is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water, and is weak. <sup>13</sup>He fashions wood, and stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil; he shapes it with carving tools, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, to sit *in the house*. <sup>14</sup>He cuts down cedars, and takes cypress and oak, which he brings up for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants an ash, and the rain makes *it* great. <sup>15</sup>And it shall be for a man to burn; for he will take some of it, and warm himself. Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread; yes, he makes a god and worships; he makes it a graven image and falls down to it. <sup>16</sup>He burns part of it in the fire; with part of it he eats flesh; he roasts roast and is satisfied; yea, he warms *himself*, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire. <sup>17</sup>And the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image; he falls down to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me! for you *are* my god.

<sup>18</sup>They have not known nor understood; for He has shut their eyes so that they cannot see; *and* their hearts so that they cannot understand. <sup>19</sup>And none thinks within his heart, *nor is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread on the coals of it; I have roasted flesh and eaten; and shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? <sup>20</sup>He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside, so that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

<sup>21</sup>Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for you *are* My servant; I have formed you; you *are* My servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by Me. <sup>22</sup>I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return to Me; for I have redeemed you. <sup>23</sup>Sing, O heavens; for the LORD has done *it*. Shout, lower parts of the earth. Break out into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it. For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel. <sup>24</sup>So says the LORD, your Redeemer, and your Former from the womb, *I am* the LORD who makes all *things*; who stretches out the heavens alone; who spreads out the earth; <sup>25</sup>who brings to nothing the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish; <sup>26</sup>who makes the word of His servant sure, and makes good the counsel of His messengers; who says to Jerusalem, She shall have people; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places of it; <sup>27</sup>who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers; <sup>28</sup>who says of Cyrus, *He is My shepherd*, and shall do all My pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

#### CHAPTER 45

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have made strong in order to humble nations before him. And I will loosen the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut. <sup>2</sup>I will go before you, and make hills level. I will break in pieces the bronze gates, and cut the iron bars in two. <sup>3</sup>And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that *I am* the LORD, who calls *you* by your name, the God of Israel. <sup>4</sup>For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect,

I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known me. <sup>3</sup>I *am* the LORD, and there *is* none else; there is no God besides Me; I clothed you, though you have not known Me; <sup>4</sup>that they may know from the rising of the sun, and to the sunset, that there *is* none besides Me. I *am* the LORD, and there *is* none else; <sup>7</sup>forming the light and creating darkness; making peace and creating evil. I the LORD do all these *things*.

<sup>8</sup>Drop down from above, O heavens, and let the clouds pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, and let salvation bear fruit; and let righteousness spring up together. I the LORD have created it. <sup>9</sup>Woe to him who fights with his Former, a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to its former, What are you making? Or your work, He *has* no hands? <sup>10</sup>Woe to him who says to *his* father, What are you fathering? Or to the woman, What are you laboring over?

<sup>11</sup>So says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Former, Do you ask Me of things to come? Do you give command to Me about My sons, and about the work of My hands? <sup>12</sup>I have made the earth, and created man on it; I *with* My hands have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded. <sup>13</sup>I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build My city, and he shall let My captives go, not for price nor reward, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup>So says the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabceans, men of stature, shall come to you, and they shall be yours. They shall come after you in chains; and they shall cross in chains and they shall fall down to you. They shall plead to you, *saying*, Surely God *is* in you; and none else, no *other* God. <sup>15</sup>Truly You *are* a God who hides Yourself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. <sup>16</sup>They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they who are makers of idols shall go into disgrace together. <sup>17</sup>But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation. You shall not be ashamed nor blush to the forevers of eternity. <sup>18</sup>For so says the LORD the Creator of the heavens, He *is* God, forming the earth and making it; He makes it stand, not creating it empty, *but* forming it to be inhabited. I *am* the LORD, and there *is* no other. <sup>19</sup>I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain. I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. <sup>20</sup>Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, escaped ones of the nations; those who set up the wood of their graven image, and those *that* pray to a god that cannot save. They know nothing. <sup>21</sup>Declare and bring near; yea, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this of old? *Who* has told it from then? Is it not I, the LORD? And there *is* no other God besides Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none besides Me. <sup>22</sup>Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and there *is* no other. <sup>23</sup>I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. <sup>24</sup>He says, Only in the LORD do I have righteousness and strength; even to Him he comes. And they are ashamed, all who are angry with Him. <sup>25</sup>In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

#### CHAPTER 46

<sup>1</sup>Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle; the things you carried about have become a load, a burden for the weary. <sup>2</sup>They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but they themselves have gone into captivity. <sup>3</sup>Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne *by* Me from the belly, who are lifted from the womb; <sup>4</sup>even to old age I am He; and to gray hairs I will bear you. I have

made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*. <sup>5</sup>To whom will you compare Me, and make Me equal, that we may be alike? <sup>6</sup>They pour gold out of the bag, and weigh silver out of the scales, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god; they fall down, yea, they bow down. <sup>7</sup>They carry it on the shoulder, they carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; it shall not move from its place. Yes, one shall cry to it, yet it cannot answer, nor save him out of his trouble. <sup>8</sup>Remember this, and be a man; return *it* on *your* heart, O sinners. <sup>9</sup>Remember former things from forever; for I *am* God, and there *is* no other. I am God, even none like Me, <sup>10</sup>declaring the end from the beginning, and from the past the things what was not done, saying, My purpose shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure; <sup>11</sup>calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my purpose from a far country. Yes, I have spoken, I will also cause it to come; I have formed; yes, I will do it.

<sup>12</sup>Listen to me, stubborn-hearted who *are* far from righteousness; <sup>13</sup>I bring near My righteousness. It shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not wait; and I will place salvation in Zion, My glory for Israel.

#### CHAPTER 47

<sup>1</sup>Come down, and sit on the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground. There *is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans. For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. <sup>2</sup>Take the millstones and grind meal. Push back your veil, draw up your skirt, uncover your leg, pass over the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, your shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance and I will not meet *you as* a man. <sup>4</sup>Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* His name, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms.

<sup>6</sup>I was angry with My people, I have polluted My inheritance, and given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; you have very heavily laid your yoke on the aged. <sup>7</sup>And you said, I shall be a mistress forever; so you did not lay these *things* to your heart, nor remembered the latter end of it. <sup>8</sup>Now then hear this, O pleasure seeker, who lives carelessly; who says in her heart, I *am*, and none else *is*; I shall not sit *as* a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children. <sup>9</sup>But these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come on you in their fullness for the multitude of your sorceries, and for the great power of your enchantments. <sup>10</sup>For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I *am*, and there *is* no one else. <sup>11</sup>But evil shall come on you; you shall not know where it comes from. And mischief shall fall on you; you shall not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come on you suddenly, you shall not know. <sup>12</sup>Stand now with your spells, and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have wearied yourself since your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit; perhaps you may bring terror. <sup>13</sup>You are exhausted by your many plans; now let the astrologers, the stargazers, making known what is coming on you into the new moons. <sup>14</sup>Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm them; nor fire, to sit before it. <sup>15</sup>So they are to you with whom you labored, your merchants from your youth. Each one wanders to his own way; none shall save you.

#### CHAPTER 48

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come out of the waters of Judah; who swear by the name of the LORD and make mention of the God of Israel (but not in truth nor in righteousness). <sup>2</sup>For they call themselves of the holy city, and rest themselves on the God of Israel; the LORD

of hosts is His name. <sup>3</sup>I have foretold the former things from the beginning; and they went out of My mouth; and I made them hear; I acted suddenly; and they came about. <sup>4</sup>Because I knew that you *are* obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew and your brow bronze. <sup>5</sup>And I declared it to you from the beginning. Before it happened I revealed it to you; lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, has commanded them. <sup>6</sup>You heard; see it all; and will you not declare? I have shown you new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them. <sup>7</sup>They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them. <sup>8</sup>Yea, you did not hear; yea, you did not know; yea, from the time that your ear was not opened; for I surely know that you will betray and trespass; from the womb it was called to you. <sup>9</sup>For My name's sake I will put off My anger, and for My praise I will hold back for you, that I do not cut you off. <sup>10</sup>Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. <sup>11</sup>For my own sake, *even* for My own sake, I will do it; for why should My name be defiled? And I will not give My glory to another.

<sup>12</sup>Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I *am* He; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. <sup>13</sup>My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens. I called; they stood up together. <sup>14</sup>Let all of you gather and hear; who among them has declared these *things*? The LORD has loved him; He will do His pleasure on Babylon, and His arm *shall be* on the Chaldeans. <sup>15</sup>I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him; and you shall bless his way. <sup>16</sup>Come near to me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From its being, I *was* there; and now the Lord Jehovah, and His Spirit, has sent me. <sup>17</sup>So says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I *am* the LORD your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way *that* you should go. <sup>18</sup>Oh that you had listened to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. <sup>19</sup>And your seed would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like its grains; his name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me. <sup>20</sup>Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Tell it with a voice of singing, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob. <sup>21</sup>And they did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; He cut open the rock also, and the waters gushed out. <sup>22</sup>*There is no peace*, says the LORD, to the wicked.

#### CHAPTER 49

<sup>1</sup>Listen, O coasts, to Me; and listen, *lend your ear*, peoples from afar; the LORD has called Me from the womb; He has made mention of My name from the bowels of My mother. <sup>2</sup>And He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft. He has hidden Me in His quiver, <sup>3</sup>and said to Me, You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. <sup>4</sup>Then I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing, and in vain; yet surely My judgment is with the LORD, and My work is with My God. <sup>5</sup>And now, says the LORD who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob again to Him, Though Israel is not gathered, yet I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength. <sup>6</sup>And He said, It is but a little thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You for a light to the nations, to be My salvation to the end of the earth. <sup>7</sup>So says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, His Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation hates, the servant of rulers: Kings shall

see and arise, rulers also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose You.

<sup>8</sup>So says the LORD, in a favorable time I replied to You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; and I will preserve You, and give You for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause them to inherit the wasted inheritances; <sup>9</sup>that You may say to the prisoners, Go out! To those who *are* in darkness, Show yourselves! They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places. <sup>10</sup>They shall not hunger nor thirst; nor shall the heat nor sun strike them; for He who has mercy on them shall lead them; even by the springs of water He shall guide them. <sup>11</sup>And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways shall be set on high. <sup>12</sup>Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

<sup>13</sup>Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break out *into* singing, O mountains; for the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted. <sup>14</sup>But Zion said, The LORD has forsaken me, and my LORD has forgotten me. <sup>15</sup>Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. <sup>16</sup>Behold, I have carved you on the palms of *My* hands; your walls *are* forever before Me. <sup>17</sup>Your sons shall make haste; those destroying you and ruining you shall go out from you. <sup>18</sup>Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather *and* come to you. *As* I live, says the LORD, you shall surely wear them as an ornament, and bind them on as a bride. <sup>19</sup>For your waste and your deserted places, and your land of ruins, shall even now be too narrow for you who dwell there, and they who swallowed you up shall be far away. <sup>20</sup>The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; come near to me so that I may dwell. <sup>21</sup>Then you shall say in your heart, Who has borne me these, since I have lost my sons, and was unfruitful, a captive, and one put away? And who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they? <sup>22</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up *My* hand to the nations, and have set up *My* banner to the people; and they shall bring your sons in *their* arms, and your daughters shall be carried on *their* shoulders. <sup>23</sup>And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nurses. They shall bow to you, faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD; for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me. <sup>24</sup>Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? <sup>25</sup>But so says the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the fearful ones shall escape. For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your sons. <sup>26</sup>And I will feed those who oppress you *with* their own flesh; and they shall be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

## CHAPTER 50

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD, Where *is* your mother's bill of divorce, whom I have put away? Or to which of *My* creditors have I sold you? Behold, you have sold yourself for your iniquities, and your mother is put away for your sins. <sup>2</sup>Who knows why I have come, and no one *is here*? Is *My* hand shortened at all so that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at *My* rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink, because there *is* no water, and die for thirst. <sup>3</sup>I clothe the heavens *with* blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering. <sup>4</sup>The Lord Jehovah has given Me the tongue of the learned, to help the weary *with* a word. He wakens morning by morning, He wakens the ear to hear as the learned. <sup>5</sup>The Lord Jehovah has opened *My* ear, and I was not rebellious,

nor turned away. <sup>6</sup>I gave My back to the strikers, and My cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. <sup>7</sup>For the Lord Jehovah will help Me; therefore I have not been ashamed. On account of this I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. <sup>8</sup>He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together; who is My foe? Let him come near Me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help Me; who is he *who* shall condemn Me? Lo, they all shall wear out like a garment; the moth shall eat them.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His servant, who walks *in* darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rest on his God. <sup>11</sup>Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who are surrounded *with* sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks which you have kindled. This you shall have of My hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

## CHAPTER 51

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, pursuers of righteousness; seekers of the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. <sup>4</sup>Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation; for a law shall go out from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of the people. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness *is* near; My salvation has gone out, and My arms shall judge the people; the coasts shall wait on Me, and on My arm they shall trust. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall become old like a garment, — and those who dwell in it shall die in the same way. But My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be broken. <sup>7</sup>Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revelings. <sup>8</sup>For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation. <sup>9</sup>Awake! awake! put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake! as in the days of old, in the generations of old. Was it not You who cut Rahab into pieces, piercing the sea-monster? <sup>10</sup>Was it not You who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? <sup>11</sup>Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing into Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* on their head. Gladness and joy shall overtake them; sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

<sup>12</sup>I, *even* I, *am* He who comforts you. Who *are* you, that you should fear *a* man. He shall die, or from the son of man? He shall be made *as* grass? <sup>13</sup>And you forget the LORD your Maker, who has stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. And you dread continually, every day, because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy. And where *is* the fury of the oppressor? <sup>14</sup>Bowed he hurries to be freed, and not *that* he should die in the pit, nor *that* he lack his bread. <sup>15</sup>But I *am* the LORD your God, who divided the sea, and its waves roared; the LORD of hosts *is* His name. <sup>16</sup>And I have put My words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are My people.

<sup>17</sup>Awake! Awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem, who drank the cup of His fury from the hand of the LORD; you have drunk the cup of trembling to the dregs, and wrung them out. <sup>18</sup>No guide *is* for her among all the sons she has borne; and none takes her by the hand of all the sons that she made to grow. <sup>19</sup>These two *things* have come to you, who shall be sorry for you? Desolation, and ruin, and the famine, and the sword. By whom shall I comfort you? <sup>20</sup>Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the street like a wild antelope *in* a net, filled with the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of your God. <sup>21</sup>So now hear this, afflicted one, and drunken, but not with wine. <sup>22</sup>So says your Lord Jehovah, and your God who strives *for* His people, Behold, I have taken the cup of trembling from your hand, even the dregs of the cup of My fury; you shall never drink it again. <sup>23</sup>But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you; who have said to your soul, Bow down so that we may go over; and put your back as the ground, even as the street to those who cross.

## CHAPTER 52

<sup>1</sup>Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, the holy city. For never again shall come to you uncircumcised and unclean ones. <sup>2</sup>Shake yourself from the dust; rise up! Sit, Jerusalem! Free yourself from your neckbands, O captive daughter of Zion. <sup>3</sup>For so says the LORD, You have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money. <sup>4</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah, My people went down before *into* Egypt to stay there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, what have I here, says the LORD, that My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them howl, says the LORD; and without ceasing My name is blasphemed every day. <sup>6</sup>Therefore My people *shall* know My name; So *it shall be* in that day, for I *am* He who speaks; behold, it is I.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, making peace heard; who brings good news, making salvation heard; who says to Zion, Your God reigns! <sup>8</sup>The voice of Your watchmen shall lift up! They lift up the voice together; they sing aloud. For they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break out into joy, sing together, waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. <sup>11</sup>Turn! Turn! Go out from there! Touch not the unclean. Go out of her midst; purify yourself, bearers of the vessels of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, My Servant shall rule well; He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as many were astonished at You (*so much was* the disfigurement from man, His appearance and His form from the sons of mankind); <sup>15</sup>so He sprinkles from many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for they will see that which was not told to them; yea, what they had not heard, nor understood.

## CHAPTER 53

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? <sup>2</sup>For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; He *has* no form nor majesty that we should see Him, nor an appearance that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup>*He is* despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and *as it were* a hiding of faces from Him, He being despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried

our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions; *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace *was* on Him; and with His stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. <sup>8</sup>He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He *was* stricken. <sup>9</sup>And He put His grave with the wicked, and with a rich one in His death; although He had done no violence, nor *was any* deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; to grieve Him; *that* He should put His soul a guilt-offering. He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, and the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup>He shall see *the fruit* of the travail of His soul. He shall be fully satisfied. By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify for many; and He shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide to Him with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul to death; and He was counted among the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### CHAPTER 54

<sup>1</sup>Rejoice, O unfruitful one that never bore; break out a song and shout, *you* who never travailed. For more *are* the sons of the desolate than the sons of the married woman, says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes; <sup>3</sup>for you shall break out *on* the right hand and *on* the left. And your seed shall inherit the nations, and people will inhabit ruined cities. <sup>4</sup>Do not fear; for you shall not be ashamed, nor shall you blush; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more. <sup>5</sup>For your Maker *is* your husband; the LORD of hosts *is* His name; and your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were rejected, says your God. <sup>7</sup>For a little moment I have left you; but with great mercies I will gather you. <sup>8</sup>In a little wrath I hid My face from you *for* a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the LORD your Redeemer. <sup>9</sup>For this *is as* the waters of Noah to Me; *for as* I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn from being angry with you and from rebuking you. <sup>10</sup>For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says the LORD who has mercy on you.

<sup>11</sup>Afflicted one, storm-tossed *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones among antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. <sup>12</sup>And I will make your windows of ruby, and your gates of carbuncles, and all your borders of pleasant stones. <sup>13</sup>And all your sons *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of your sons. <sup>14</sup>In righteousness you shall be established; you *shall be* far from oppression; for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. <sup>15</sup>Behold, they shall surely gather together, not by Me; whoever shall gather against you shall fall for your sake. <sup>16</sup>Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings out a tool for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. <sup>17</sup>No weapon that is formed against you shall be blessed;



and every tongue *that* shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This *is* the inheritance of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* from Me, says the LORD.

### CHAPTER 55

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who *has* no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you weigh silver for that *which is not* bread? and your labor for *that which* never satisfies? Listen carefully to Me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. <sup>3</sup>Bow down your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a Leader and Commander of peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, You shall call a nation *that* You do not know; a nation that did not know You shall run to You because of the LORD Your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified You.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. <sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man His thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring out and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; <sup>11</sup>so shall My word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it *to do*. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break out before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn, the fir tree shall come up; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree shall come up; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.

### CHAPTER 56

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD, Keep judgment and do justice; for My salvation *is* near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. <sup>2</sup>Blessed *is* the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; keeping the sabbath, from defiling it; and keeping his hand from doing any evil. <sup>3</sup>And do not let the son of the stranger, who has joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, the LORD has utterly separated me from His people. And do not let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree. <sup>4</sup>For so says the LORD to the eunuchs who keep My sabbath, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; <sup>5</sup>even to them will I give within My house and within My walls a hand and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. <sup>6</sup>Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the LORD to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant; <sup>7</sup>even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people, <sup>8</sup>says the Lord Jehovah who gathers the outcasts of Israel, Yet I will gather beside him his gathered ones. <sup>9</sup>All beasts of the field, come to devour, all beasts in the forest.

<sup>10</sup>His watchmen *are* blind; they are all ignorant; they *are* all dumb dogs who cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. <sup>11</sup>Yea, *they are* greedy dogs

which can never have enough; and they *are* shepherds who cannot understand. They all look to their own way, every one for his gain, to his own end. <sup>12</sup>*They say*, come, and I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be like today, and much more abundant.

#### CHAPTER 57

<sup>1</sup>The righteous one perishes, and no one lays it to heart, and merciful men *are* taken away; no one cares that the righteous is taken away from the face of evil. <sup>2</sup>He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, *each one walking in his uprightness*. <sup>3</sup>But draw near here, sons of the sorceress, seed of the adulterer and the harlot. <sup>4</sup>Of whom are you making sport? Against whom do you make a wide mouth *and* draw out the tongue? *Are* you not children of transgression, a lying seed, <sup>5</sup>setting yourselves afire with idols under every green tree, killing the little sons in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? <sup>6</sup>Among the smooth *stones* of the stream is your portion; they, even they, are your lot; even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a food offering. Should I be consoled over these? <sup>7</sup>On a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; even there you went up to offer sacrifice. <sup>8</sup>Also behind the door and the post you have set up your image; for you uncovered yourself and went up from Me. You spread your bed and cut *a covenant* with them; you loved their bed where you looked. <sup>9</sup>And you went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes, and sent your messengers far off, and lowered *yourself* even to hell. <sup>10</sup>You are wearied in the length of your way; you did not say, Despair! You found life in your hand; so you were not weak. <sup>11</sup>And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied and have not remembered Me, nor laid *it* to your heart? Have I not been silent, even from forever, and you did not fear Me? <sup>12</sup>I will declare your righteousness, and your works; for they shall not do you any good. <sup>13</sup>When you cry, let your gathering deliver you; but the wind shall carry them all away. Vanity shall take *them*; but he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain. <sup>14</sup>And He shall say, Raise up! Raise up! Clear the way! Make the stumbling-block rise out of the way of My people. <sup>15</sup>For so says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity; whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, even with *him who is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. <sup>16</sup>For I will not contend forever, nor will I be always angry; for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls I have made. <sup>17</sup>For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid Myself, and was angry, and he went on turning away in the way of his heart. <sup>18</sup>I have seen his ways, and will heal him. I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. <sup>19</sup>I create the fruit of the lips; peace, peace, to him far off, and to him near, says the LORD; and I will heal him. <sup>20</sup>But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, which cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. <sup>21</sup>*There is no peace*, says my God, to the wicked.

#### CHAPTER 58

<sup>1</sup>Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their rebellion, and the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and one who did not forget the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in drawing near to God. <sup>3</sup>*They say*, Why have we fasted, and You do not see? *Why have* we afflicted our soul, and You take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and crush all your laborers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast *as you do* today, to make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is it such a fast that

I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? Will you call this a fast and a day pleasing to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>*Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed ones go free, and that you break every yoke?* <sup>7</sup>*Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, and that you should bring home the poor that are cast out? When will you see the naked and cover him; and you will not hide yourself from your own flesh?* <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break out as the dawn, and your health shall spring out quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I *am*. If you take the yoke away from among you, the pointing of the finger, and speaking vanity; <sup>10</sup>and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness *shall be* as the noonday. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD shall always guide you and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make your bones fat; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. <sup>12</sup>And those *who come of you* shall build the old ruins; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

<sup>13</sup>If you turn your foot *because of* the Sabbath, *from* doing what you please on My holy days; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking *your own* words; <sup>14</sup>then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed yourself *with* the inheritance of Jacob your father. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

#### CHAPTER 59

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened so that it cannot save; nor is His ear heavy so that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup>But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. <sup>3</sup>For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness. <sup>4</sup>None calls for justice, nor does anyone plead for truth; they trust in vanity and speak lies. They conceive mischief and bring out iniquity. <sup>5</sup>They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. <sup>6</sup>Their webs shall not become clothing, nor shall they cover themselves with their works; their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands. <sup>7</sup>Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and ruin *are* in their paths. <sup>8</sup>They did not know the way of peace, and there is no judgment in their paths. They have made crooked paths for themselves; whoever goes in them shall not know peace. <sup>9</sup>Therefore judgment is far from us; nor does justice overtake us. We wait for light, but behold, dimness; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness. <sup>10</sup>We grope *for* the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in deserted places like dead men. <sup>11</sup>We all roar like bears, and mourn grievously like doves; we look for judgment, but none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us. <sup>12</sup>For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them; <sup>13</sup>in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and going away from our God, talking cruelty and revolt, conceiving and speaking from the heart words of falsehood. <sup>14</sup>And justice is driven back, and justice stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and right cannot enter.

<sup>15</sup>Yea, truth fails; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the LORD saw, and it displeased Him that *there was* no judgment. <sup>16</sup>And He saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor. Therefore His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness sustained Him. <sup>17</sup>For He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was covered with zeal like a cloak. <sup>18</sup>According to *their* deeds, accordingly He will repay; fury to His foes, deed for deed to His enemies. He will repay their deeds to the coasts. <sup>19</sup>So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a banner against him. <sup>20</sup>And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>As for Me, *this is* My covenant with them, says the LORD; My spirit that *is* on you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says the LORD, from now on and forever.

## CHAPTER 60

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen on you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness *the* peoples; but the LORD shall rise on you, and His glory shall be seen on you. <sup>3</sup>And the nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see. All of them gather themselves; they come to you. Your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and become bright, and your heart shall throb and swell for joy; because the abundance of the sea shall turn to you, the forces of the nations will come to you. <sup>6</sup>A host of camels shall cover you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. All of them from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you. They shall come up *on* My altar pleasing Me, and I will glorify the house of My glory. <sup>8</sup>Who *are* these who fly like a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? <sup>9</sup>Surely the coasts shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.

<sup>10</sup>And the sons of strangers will build up your walls, and their kings will serve you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I had mercy on you. <sup>11</sup>Therefore your gates will always be open; they will not be shut day nor night, to bring to you the forces of the nations, and their kings may be led. <sup>12</sup>For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish. Yes, *those* nations will be completely wasted. <sup>13</sup>The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. <sup>14</sup>Also the sons of your afflictors shall come bowing to you; and all your despisers will bow down at the soles of your feet. And they will call you, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup>Instead of being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through, I will make you for everlasting majesty, a joy of many generations. <sup>16</sup>You will also suck the milk of nations, and suck the breast of kings; and you will know that I the LORD *am* your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. <sup>17</sup>For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; and for wood I will bring bronze, and for stones I will bring iron. I will also make your overseers to be peace, and your rulers to be righteousness. <sup>18</sup>Violence will no more be heard in your land, wasting nor ruin

within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. <sup>19</sup>The sun will no more be your light by day; nor the brightness of the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you for everlasting light, and your God your glory. <sup>20</sup>Your sun will no more go down, nor your moon withdraw; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be ended. <sup>21</sup>Your people also *will all be* righteous; they will inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, so that I may be glorified. <sup>22</sup>A little one will become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

### CHAPTER 61

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah *is* on Me; because the LORD has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; to preach the acceptable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified. <sup>4</sup>And they will build the old wastes, they will raise up the ruins of former times. And they will repair the waste cities, the ruins of many generations. <sup>5</sup>And strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the stranger *will be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. <sup>6</sup>But you will be named the priests of the LORD; it will be said of you, Ministers of our God; you will eat the riches of the nations, and you will revel in their glory. <sup>7</sup>For your shame you *will have* double; and *for* disgrace they will rejoice *in* their portion; therefore in their own land they will possess double; everlasting joy will be theirs. <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>And their seed will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them will acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul will be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me *with* the robes of salvation, He covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns himself *with* ornaments, and like a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings out its bud, and as the garden causes that which is sown to grow; so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to grow before all the nations.

### CHAPTER 62

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until its righteousness goes out as brightness, and her salvation as a burning lamp. <sup>2</sup>And the nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. <sup>3</sup>You also will be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You will no more be called Forsaken; nor will your land any more be called Desolate; but you will be called My Delight, and your land, Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a virgin, so will your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

<sup>6</sup>I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, who will not always be silent all the day nor all the night; you who remember the LORD, do not be silent. <sup>7</sup>And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. <sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength, Surely

I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of strangers will not drink your wine for which you have labored. <sup>9</sup>But its gatherers will eat it and praise the LORD; and they who collected it will drink it in My holy courts. <sup>10</sup>Pass! Pass through the gates; prepare the way of the people. Raise up! Raise up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a banner for the peoples. <sup>11</sup>Behold, the LORD has sent a message to the end of the world, Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. <sup>12</sup>And they will call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called, Sought out, a city not forsaken.

#### CHAPTER 63

<sup>1</sup>Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One adorned in His clothing, inclining in His great power? I who speak in righteousness, great to save. <sup>2</sup>Why is Your clothing red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? <sup>3</sup>I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no one with Me; for I will tread them in My anger and trample them in My fury; and their blood will be sprinkled on My garments, and I will stain all My clothing. <sup>4</sup>For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. <sup>5</sup>And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; therefore My own arm has saved for Me; and My fury upheld Me. <sup>6</sup>And I will tread down the people in My anger, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will pour their juice to the earth.

<sup>7</sup>I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has benefited for us, and the great good to the house of Israel by which He benefited them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses. <sup>8</sup>For He said, Surely they are My people, sons that will not lie; so He was their Saviour. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them, and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled, and troubled His Holy Spirit; therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then He remembered the days of old, Moses and His people, saying, Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within him? <sup>12</sup>He led them by the right hand of Moses with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make Himself an everlasting name? <sup>13</sup>He led them through the deep, like a horse in the wilderness, so that they would not stumble? <sup>14</sup>As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest. So You led Your people, to make Yourself a glorious name.

<sup>15</sup>Look down from Heaven, and look down from the place of Your holiness and of Your glory; where is Your zeal and Your strength, the multitude of Your tender affections and of Your mercies toward me? Are they withheld? <sup>16</sup>For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer; Your name is from everlasting.

<sup>17</sup>O LORD, why have You made us wander from Your ways. You harden our heart from Your fear? For Your servants' sake, return the tribes of Your inheritance. <sup>18</sup>The people of Your holiness have possessed it but a little while; our enemies have trampled Your sanctuary. <sup>19</sup>We are from forever; You never ruled over them; Your name was never called on them.

#### CHAPTER 64

<sup>1</sup>Oh that You would tear the heavens and come down, that mountains would quake before You, <sup>2</sup>(as the brushwood fire burns, the fire causes water to boil), to make Your name known to Your foes, that the nations may tremble at Your

presence! <sup>3</sup>When You did terrible things *which* we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. <sup>4</sup>And from forever they have not heard, nor did they listen. Eye has not seen a God except You, who works for him who waits for Him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, *those who* remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned. In them *is* eternity, and we will be saved. <sup>6</sup>But we are all as the unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* a filthy cloth. And we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. <sup>7</sup>And *there* is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You. For You have hidden Your face from us, and have melted us away because of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father; we *are* the clay, and You *are* our Former; and we all *are* the work of Your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be grievously angry, O LORD, nor remember iniquity forever. Behold! Look, please; all of us *are* Your people. <sup>10</sup>Your holy cities are a wilderness; Zion *is* a wilderness, Jerusalem *is* a ruin. <sup>11</sup>The house of our holiness and our beauty, where our fathers praised You, has become a burning of fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. <sup>12</sup>Will You restrain Yourself over these *things*, O LORD? Will You be silent and sorely afflict us?

## CHAPTER 65

<sup>1</sup>I *am* sought by those who asked not *for Me*; I am found by those who did not seek Me. I said, Behold Me, behold Me, to a nation not calling on My name. <sup>2</sup>I have spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people who walk *in* the way not good, after their own thoughts; <sup>3</sup>a people who without ceasing provoke Me to anger to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on altars of brick; <sup>4</sup>a people who remain among the graves, and sleep in the tombs, who eat swine's flesh, and broth from hateful *things is in* their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, Keep to yourself, do not come near me; for I am holier than you. These *are* a smoke in My nose, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, *it is* written before Me; I will not be silent, except I will repay; yea, I will repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup>your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says the LORD, *they* that burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed Me on the hills. And I will measure their former work into their bosom.

<sup>8</sup>So says the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing *is* in it; so I will do to My servants, that I may not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah one who inherits My mountains; and My elect will inherit it, and My servants will dwell there. <sup>10</sup>And Sharon will be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a resting-place of herds for My people who have sought Me. <sup>11</sup>But you *are* those who forsake the LORD, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who furnish the drink offering to Fate. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will number you to the sword; and you will all bow down to the slaughter; because I called and you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear and did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I did not delight. <sup>13</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says, Behold, My servants will eat, but you will be hungry. Behold, My servants will drink, but you will be thirsty. Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will be ashamed. <sup>14</sup>Behold, My servants will sing for joy of heart, but you will cry for sorrow of heart, and will howl because of a breaking of spirit. <sup>15</sup>And you will leave your name for a curse to My chosen; for the Lord Jehovah will kill you, and call His servants by another name. <sup>16</sup>*He* who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth. And he who swears in the earth will swear by the God of

truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes.

<sup>17</sup>For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. And the things before will not be remembered, nor come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup>And I will rejoice in My people; and the voice of weeping will no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying be heard in her. <sup>20</sup>There will still be an infant, nor an old man that has not filled his days. For the child will die a hundred years old; but the sinner *who is* a hundred years old will be despised. <sup>21</sup>And they will build houses and live *in them*; and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They will not build, and another live *in them*; they will not plant, and another eat. For like the days of a tree *are* the days of My people, and My elect will long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They will not labor in vain, nor bring forth for terror. For they *are* the seed of the beloved of the LORD, and their offspring with them. <sup>24</sup>And it will be, before they call I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust *will be* the food of the snake. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD.

### CHAPTER 66

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD, Heaven *is* My throne, and earth My footstool. Where, then, *is* the house that you build for Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? <sup>2</sup>For all those My hand has made, and all those exist, says the LORD. But to this one I will look, to the afflicted and contrite spirit, and *the one* who trembles at My word.

<sup>3</sup>He who kills an ox *is as if* he killed a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he broke a dog's neck; he who offers an offering, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he who burns incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. <sup>4</sup>I also will choose the things that delude them, and I will bring their fears on them, because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they did not hear. But they did evil before My eyes and chose *that* in which I did not delight.

<sup>5</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word; your brothers who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified. But He will appear to your joy, and they will be ashamed. <sup>6</sup>A sound of noise from the city, a sound from the temple, a sound of the LORD repaying His enemies. <sup>7</sup>Before she travailed, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a man child. <sup>8</sup>Who has heard *a thing* like this? Who has seen *things* like these? Will the earth be brought forth *in one day*? Or will a nation be born at once? For Zion travailed *and* also brought forth her sons. <sup>9</sup>Will I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth, says the LORD? Surely I will cause birth restrain, says your God.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all who love her. Rejoice for joy with her, all who mourn for her; <sup>11</sup>that you may suck and be satisfied with her comforting breasts; that you may milk out and be delighted with the fullness of her glory. <sup>12</sup>For so says the LORD, Behold, I will hold out peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like a flowing stream. Then you will suck, you will be carried on *her* sides and be dandled upon her knees. <sup>13</sup>As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will flourish like the grass. And the hand of the LORD will be known toward His servants, and *His* fury toward His enemies.



<sup>15</sup>For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with His chariots like a tempest, to refresh His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup>For by fire and by His sword the LORD will execute judgment with all flesh; and the slain of the LORD will be many. <sup>17</sup>Those who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves to go into the gardens, behind one *tree* in the middle, eating swine's flesh, and the hateful thing, and the mouse, will be cut off together, says the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>For I *know* their works and their thoughts; it comes to gather all the nations and the tongues; and they will come and see My glory. <sup>19</sup>And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape from them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, drawers of the bow; to Tubal, and Javan, to the far away coasts that have not heard My fame, nor have seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they will bring all your brothers *for* an offering to the LORD out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the sons of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And I will also take some of them for priests *and* for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make stand before Me, says the LORD, so will your seed and your name stand. <sup>23</sup>And it will be, from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before Me, says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And they will go out and see the dead bodies of the men who have sinned against Me; for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be put out; and they will be an object of disgust to all flesh.

# THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, <sup>2</sup>to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. <sup>3</sup>It also came in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. <sup>4</sup>And it happened, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations. <sup>6</sup>Then I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Behold, I so not know to speak; for I *am* a boy. <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, Do not say, I *am* a boy; for you shall go to all that I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of their faces; for I *am* with you to deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>Behold! I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

<sup>11</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to me, You have seen well; for I will watch over My word to perform it. <sup>13</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face *is* from the face of the north. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to me, Out of the north an evil will be set loose on all the inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup>For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD. And they shall come, and they shall each one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its wall all around, and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup>And I will pronounce My judgments against them regarding all their evil, *those* who have forsaken Me, and burned incense to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

<sup>17</sup>And you must gird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be terrified at their faces, lest I prostrate you before them. <sup>18</sup>For, behold, I have made you a fortified city this day, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its rulers, against its priests, and against the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>And they shall fight against you; but they shall not overcome you. For I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, So says the LORD, I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothals, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. <sup>3</sup>Israel *was* holiness to the LORD, and the first-fruits of His increase. All that devour him shall offend; evil shall come on them, says the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>So says the LORD, What injustice have your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me and have walked after vanity, and have become vain? <sup>6</sup>Nor did they say, Where *is* the LORD who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of dry places, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man

passed through, and where no man lived? <sup>7</sup>And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled My land and made My inheritance an abomination. <sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, Where is the LORD? And they who handle the law did not know Me; the shepherds also rebelled against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things* not profitable.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will contend with you, says the LORD, and with your son's sons I will enter into judgment. <sup>10</sup>For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and carefully consider, and see if there is such a thing. <sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed *their* gods who *are* yet no gods? But My people have changed *their* Glory for *that which* does not profit. <sup>12</sup>Be amazed, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be completely desolated, says the LORD. <sup>13</sup>For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, to hew out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

<sup>14</sup>Is Israel a servant? Or is he a servant of the house? Why has he become a prey? <sup>15</sup>The young lions roared against him; they gave their voice. And they made his land a waste; his cities are burned without inhabitant. <sup>16</sup>Also the sons of Noph and Tahapanes have fed on the crown of your head. <sup>17</sup>Have you not brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when He led you by the way? <sup>18</sup>And now what is for you toward the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? Or what for you toward Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? <sup>19</sup>Your own evil shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you, therefore know and see that it is an evil and bitter *thing* that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and that My fear is not in you, says the Lord GOD of hosts.

<sup>20</sup>For long ago you broke your yoke *and* tore up your bonds; and you said, I will not transgress — when on every high hill and under every green tree you lay down *like* a harlot. <sup>21</sup>Yet I planted you a noble vine, wholly a true seed. How then have you turned into the deteriorating *shoots* of a strange vine to Me? <sup>22</sup>For though you wash yourself with potash, and multiply soap for yourself, yet your iniquity is marked before Me, says the Lord GOD. <sup>23</sup>How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after the Baals? See your way in the valley, know what you have done! *You are* a swift camel crossing its ways; <sup>24</sup>a wild ass used to the wilderness; in the desire of her passion she snuffs at the wind; *in* her time who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not tire themselves; in her month they will find her. <sup>25</sup>Withhold your foot from *being* bare, and your throat from thirst. But you said, There is no hope; no; for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go. <sup>26</sup>As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their rulers, and their priests, and their prophets; <sup>27</sup>saying to a stock, *You are* my father; and to a stone, You gave me birth. For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise and save us! <sup>28</sup>But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble; for *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. <sup>29</sup>Why will you plead with Me? You all have sinned against Me, says the LORD. <sup>30</sup>In vain I have stricken your sons; they received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

<sup>31</sup>O generation, see the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of darkness? Why do My people say, We roam *freely*; we will come no more to You? <sup>32</sup>Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number. <sup>33</sup>Why did you trim your way to seek love? Therefore you have also taught the evil women your ways. <sup>34</sup>Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found

it by secret search, but on all these. <sup>35</sup>Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with you, because you say, I have not sinned. <sup>36</sup>Why do you go about so much to change your way? You also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria. <sup>37</sup>Yes, you shall go out from this *place*, and your hands on your head. For the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not prosper by them.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>*They say*, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him and will be for another man, will he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly defiled? But you play the harlot with many lovers; yet come back to Me, says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Lift up your eyes to the high places, and see. Where have you not been lain with? By the highways you have sat for them, like the Arabian in the wilderness; and you have defiled the land with your fornications and with your wickedness. <sup>3</sup>Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and you had a harlot's forehead, you refused to be ashamed. <sup>4</sup>Will you not from this time cry to Me, My father, You *are* the guide of my youth? <sup>5</sup>Will He keep *His anger* forever? Will He keep *it* to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done *all* the evil things you could do.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD also said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and has fornicated there. <sup>7</sup>And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn to Me! But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*. <sup>8</sup>And I saw, when for all the causes *for* which backsliding Israel committed adultery, I sent her away and gave a bill of divorce to her. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she went and whored, she also. <sup>9</sup>And it happened, from the folly of her whoredom, she defiled the land and fornicated with stones and stocks. <sup>10</sup>And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, says the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to me, The backsliding Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

<sup>12</sup>Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, O backsliding Israel, says the LORD; *and* I will not cause My anger to fall on you; for I *am* merciful, says the LORD, and I will not keep *anger* forever. <sup>13</sup>Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have sinned against the LORD your God and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the LORD. <sup>14</sup>Turn, O backsliding sons, says the LORD; for I am married to you; and I will take you one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. <sup>15</sup>And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who shall feed you *with* knowledge and understanding. <sup>16</sup>And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD! Nor shall it come to mind; nor shall they remember it; nor shall they visit *it*; nor shall it be made any more. <sup>17</sup>At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. Nor shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. <sup>18</sup>In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers. <sup>19</sup>But I said, How shall I put you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance *among* the hosts of nations? And I said, You shall call Me, My Father, and shall not turn away from Me.

<sup>20</sup>Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>A voice was heard on the high places weeping, cryings of the sons of Israel; for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God. <sup>22</sup>Return, O backsliding sons, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come to You; for You *are* the LORD our God. <sup>23</sup>Truly the high hills have proved to be in vain, the noisy throng on the mountains. Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. <sup>24</sup>For shame has eaten up the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. <sup>25</sup>We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>If you will return, O Israel, says the LORD, return to Me. And if you will put away your abominations out of your sight, then you shall not be moved. <sup>2</sup>And you shall swear, The LORD lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they shall glory. <sup>3</sup>For so says the LORD to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. <sup>4</sup>Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, men of Judah and people of Jerusalem; lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can put it out; because of the evil of your doings.

<sup>5</sup>Declare in Judah, and let it be heard in Jerusalem; and say, Blow the trumpet in the land; cry, gather together, and say, Gather yourselves and let us go into the fortified cities. <sup>6</sup>Set up the banner toward Zion; flee for safety and do not wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great ruin. <sup>7</sup>The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the nations has set out; He has left his place to make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruins without inhabitant. <sup>8</sup>Put on sackcloth for this, wail and howl; for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be at that day, says the LORD, the king's heart will perish, and the heart of the rulers; and the priests will be amazed, and the prophets will be astounded. <sup>10</sup>Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; but the sword reaches to the soul. <sup>11</sup>At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind from the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of My people, not to sift nor to cleanse. <sup>12</sup>A wind more full than these shall come for Me. Now also I will utter judgments against them. <sup>13</sup>Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots like a tempest. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are plundered!

<sup>14</sup>O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart from evil so that you may be saved. How long shall your vain thoughts lodge within you? <sup>15</sup>For a voice declares from Dan, and makes known affliction from mount Ephraim. <sup>16</sup>Tell it to the nations; Behold! proclaim against Jerusalem! Besiegers are going to come from a distant land; and they will set their voice against the cities of Judah. <sup>17</sup>Like watchmen of a field, they are against her all around; because she rebelled against Me, says the LORD. <sup>18</sup>Your way and your doings have brought these things on you; this is your evil, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

<sup>19</sup>My bowels, my bowels! I convulse in pain. O walls of my heart! My heart is restless within me; I cannot be silent because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. <sup>20</sup>Ruin on ruin is cried; for the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are laid waste, my curtains in a moment. <sup>21</sup>How long shall I see the banner and hear the sound of the trumpet? <sup>22</sup>For My people

are foolish; they have not known Me; they *are* stupid sons, and they have no understanding. They *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. <sup>23</sup>I looked on the earth, and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. <sup>24</sup>I looked on the mountains, and, lo, they quaked; and all the hills were shaken. <sup>25</sup>I looked, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. <sup>26</sup>I looked, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down before the face of the LORD, before His fierce anger. <sup>27</sup>For so the LORD has said, The whole land shall be desolate, yet I will not make a full end.

<sup>28</sup>The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall be black; because I have spoken, I have purposed, and will not repent; nor will I turn back from it. <sup>29</sup>Every city shall flee from the sound of the horsemen and bowmen. They shall go into thickets and climb up among the rocks. All the city is abandoned, and not a man shall live in them. <sup>30</sup>And you, O desolate one, what will you do? Though you dress with crimson; though you put on ornaments of gold; though you make your eyes large with paint; you shall make yourself beautiful in vain; your lovers will despise you; they will seek your life. <sup>31</sup>For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, the anguish as one bearing her first child, the voice of Zion's daughter, gasping and spreading her hands, *saying*, Woe to me now! For my soul faints because of murderers.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in her open places, if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice, who seeks the truth; and I will pardon her. <sup>2</sup>And though they say, *As* the LORD lives; surely they swear falsely. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, *are* not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have destroyed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to return. <sup>4</sup>So I said, Surely these *are* poor; they *are* foolish; for they do not know the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God. <sup>5</sup>I will go up for myself to the great men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of the LORD and the judgment of their God. But these have broken the yoke together *and* have torn off the bonds! <sup>6</sup>Therefore a lion out of the forest shall kill them, *and* a wolf of the deserts shall rob them; a leopard shall watch over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn in pieces, because their sins are many and their backslidings are multiplied.

<sup>7</sup>Why shall I pardon you for this? Your sons have forsaken Me, and have sworn by No-gods. When I adjured them, they committed adultery, and gathered themselves by troops in a harlot's house. <sup>8</sup>They were *like* lusty, well-fed horses in the morning; every one neighing after his neighbor's wife. <sup>9</sup>Shall I not judge for these *things*? says the LORD. And shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

<sup>10</sup>Go up on her vine-rows and destroy; but do not make a full end; take away her branches, for they *are* not the LORD's. <sup>11</sup>For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very deceitfully against Me, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>They have lied against the LORD and said, *It is* not He; neither shall evil come on us; nor shall we see sword nor famine. <sup>13</sup>And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them; so it shall be done to them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore so says the LORD God of hosts, Because you spoke this word, behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, and will make this people wood, and it shall devour them. <sup>15</sup>Lo, I will bring a nation on you from afar, O house of Israel, says the LORD. *It is* an enduring nation, *it is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor

understand what they say. <sup>16</sup>Their quiver *is* as an open grave; they *are* all mighty men. <sup>17</sup>And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread. They will devour your sons and your daughters. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig-trees. One shall beat down your fortified cities with the sword, those in which you trust. <sup>18</sup>But even in those days, says the LORD, I will not make a complete end with you.

<sup>19</sup>And it will be, when you shall say, Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* to us? Then You shall answer them, Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that *is* not yours. <sup>20</sup>Declare this in the house of Jacob, and cry it in Judah, saying, <sup>21</sup>Now hear this, O foolish people and without heart; who have eyes and see not; who have ears and hear not; <sup>22</sup>Do you not fear Me? says the LORD. Will you not tremble at My presence, I who have placed the sand *for* the boundary of the sea *by* a never-ending decree, so that it cannot pass it? And though they toss themselves, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it? <sup>23</sup>But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and are gone. <sup>24</sup>And they do not say in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, who gives both the former and the latter rain in its season; He reserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

<sup>25</sup>Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withheld good *things* from you. <sup>26</sup>For among My people are found wicked ones; they lie in wait, as one who sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men. <sup>27</sup>Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and grown rich. <sup>28</sup>They have become fat, they shine. Yes, they go past the deeds of the wicked; they do not judge the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may get rich; and they do not judge the right of the needy. <sup>29</sup>Shall I not visit for these *things*? says the LORD. Shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

<sup>30</sup>An astounding and horrible thing has happened in the land. <sup>31</sup>The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to *have it so*, and what will you do at the end of it?

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>O sons of Benjamin, take refuge out of the midst of Jerusalem. And blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a signal-fire over Beth-haccerem; for evil appears out of the north, and great ruin. <sup>2</sup>I will destroy the daughter of Zion, the beautiful and tender one. <sup>3</sup>The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch tents on her all around; they shall feed each one *in* his hand. <sup>4</sup>Prepare war against her; arise and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. <sup>5</sup>Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

<sup>6</sup>For so has the LORD of hosts said, Cut down trees and cast a mound against Jerusalem! She *is* the city to be visited; there is nothing but oppression in her midst. <sup>7</sup>As a fountain keeps fresh her waters, so she keeps fresh her evil; violence and spoil is heard in her; always before Me *are* grief and wounds. <sup>8</sup>O Jerusalem, you must be instructed, lest My soul depart from you; lest I make you desolate, a land without people.

<sup>9</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine; turn back your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets. <sup>10</sup>To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear *is* not circumcised, and they cannot listen. Behold, the word of the LORD is to them a reproach; they have no delight in it. <sup>11</sup>Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in; I will pour it out on the children in the street, and on

the circle of young men together. For even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him *who is* full of days. <sup>12</sup>And their houses shall be turned to others, together *with their* fields and wives; for I will stretch out My hand on the people of the land, says the LORD. <sup>13</sup>For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them cuts off a profit; and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. <sup>14</sup>They have also healed the hurt of *the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there* is no peace. <sup>15</sup>Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall. At the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, says the LORD. <sup>16</sup>So says the LORD, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths where the good way *is*, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *in it*. <sup>17</sup>Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore hear, nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. <sup>19</sup>Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to My words, nor to My law, but have rejected it. <sup>20</sup>Why does there come frankincense to me from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings *are* not pleasing, nor your sacrifices sweet to Me. <sup>21</sup>Therefore so says the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish. <sup>22</sup>So says the LORD, Behold, a people comes from the north country, and a great nation shall be stirred from the sides of the earth. <sup>23</sup>They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, set in order like a man for war against you, O daughter of Zion. <sup>24</sup>We have heard the rumor of it; our hands become feeble; anguish has taken hold of us, *and* pain, like a woman in labor. <sup>25</sup>Do not go out into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear are on every side.

<sup>26</sup>O daughter of my people, put on sackcloth, and wallow in ashes; make mourning for yourself, as for an only son, most bitter weeping; for the ravager shall suddenly come on us. <sup>27</sup>I have set you up *as* an assayer *and* an examiner among My people, that you may know and try their way. <sup>28</sup>They *are* all grievous revolvers, walking with slanders; they *are* bronze and iron; they *are* all corrupters. <sup>29</sup>The bellows are burned, the lead is melted by the fire; the refiner melts in vain; for the wicked are not plucked away. <sup>30</sup>Reprobate silver they call them, because the LORD has rejected them.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and declare there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Make your ways and your doings good, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD *are* these. <sup>5</sup>For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you completely do judgment between a man and his neighbor; <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your hurt; <sup>7</sup>then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever.

<sup>8</sup>Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot do any good. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and



walk after other gods whom you do not know; <sup>10</sup>and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I also have seen *it*, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel. <sup>13</sup>And now, because you have done all these works, says the LORD, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer; <sup>14</sup>therefore I will do to *this* house, which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup>And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, the whole seed of Ephraim. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up cry nor prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you.

<sup>17</sup>Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup>The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. <sup>19</sup>Do they provoke Me to anger? says the LORD. Do *they* not *provoke* themselves to the shame of their own faces? <sup>20</sup>Therefore so says the Lord GOD; Behold, My anger and My fury shall be poured out on this place, on man, and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be put out.

<sup>21</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Put your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh. <sup>22</sup>For I did not speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. <sup>23</sup>But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>24</sup>But they did not listen, nor bow their ear, but walked in the plans *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. <sup>25</sup>Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending. <sup>26</sup>Yet they did not listen to Me, nor bow down their ear, but hardened their neck. They did worse than their fathers. <sup>27</sup>So you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; you shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. <sup>28</sup>But you shall say to them, This *is* a nation which does not obey the voice of the LORD their God, nor receives instruction; truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

<sup>29</sup>*O Jerusalem*, cut off your hair and throw *it* away, and take up a weeping on the high places. For the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath. <sup>30</sup>For the sons of Judah have done evil in My sight, says the LORD. They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, in order to defile it. <sup>31</sup>They have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command *them*, nor did it come into My heart.

<sup>32</sup>So, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter. For they shall bury in Tophet, until there is no place. <sup>33</sup>And the bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten *them* away. <sup>34</sup>Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem; and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall be desolate.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its rulers, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the people of Jerusalem, out of their graves. <sup>2</sup>And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of the heavens, whom they have loved and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth. <sup>3</sup>And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the rest of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>And you shall say to them, So says the LORD; shall they fall and not arise? Shall he turn away and not return? <sup>5</sup>Why has this people of Jerusalem slid back by a never-ending backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return. <sup>6</sup>I listened and heard, *but* they did not speak right; no man repented of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned to his own way, like the horse rushes into the battle. <sup>7</sup>Yea, the stork in the heavens knows her seasons; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow watch the time of their coming; but my people do not know the judgment of the LORD. <sup>8</sup>How do you say, *We are wise*, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly the lying pen of the scribes has written falsely. <sup>9</sup>The wise are ashamed, they are terrified, and are captured. Lo, they have turned away from the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them? <sup>10</sup>Therefore I will give their wives to others, *and* their fields to those who shall inherit *them*, for everyone from the least even to the greatest cuts off a profit. From the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. <sup>11</sup>For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there* is no peace. <sup>12</sup>Were they ashamed when they had done an abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>I will utterly consume them, says the LORD; *there shall be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them. <sup>14</sup>Why do we sit still? Gather yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there. For the LORD our God has put us to silence, and has given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. <sup>15</sup>We looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a time of health, but behold, trouble! <sup>16</sup>The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones. For they have come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those who live in it. <sup>17</sup>For, behold, I will send serpents and adders among you, which *will not be* charmed; and they shall bite you, says the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint within me. <sup>19</sup>Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, because of those who dwell in a far country. *Is* not the LORD in Zion? *Is* not her King in her? Why have they provoked Me to anger with their graven images and with strange vanities? <sup>20</sup>The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. <sup>21</sup>For the breaking of the daughter of my people I am broken; I am in gloom; horror has seized me. <sup>22</sup>*Is there* no balm in Gilead? *Is there* no physician there? Why then has the healing of my people not come?

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! <sup>2</sup>Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for traveling men, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they *are* all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. <sup>3</sup>And they bend their tongues *like* their bow for lies. But they are not mighty for the truth on the earth; for they go from evil to evil, and they do not know Me, says the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Everyone beware of his neighbor, and do not trust any brother! For every brother will supplant his neighbor, and will walk with slanders. <sup>5</sup>And everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and they weary themselves to commit iniquity. <sup>6</sup>Your habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Therefore so says the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them and try them; for what *else* can I do for the daughter of My people? <sup>8</sup>Their tongue *is* a slaughtering arrow; it speaks deceit; *one* speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he lies in ambush.

<sup>9</sup>Shall I not visit them for these *things*? says the LORD; shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? <sup>10</sup>I will take up a weeping and a wailing for the mountains, and a mourning for the homes of the wilderness; because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them*; nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the heavens and the beast have fled; they are gone. <sup>11</sup>And I will make Jerusalem ruins, a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without a living soul.

<sup>12</sup>Who *is* the wise man who may understand this? And who *is* he to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? For why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that none passes through? <sup>13</sup>And the LORD says, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice. Nor have they walked in it; <sup>14</sup>but they have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them. <sup>15</sup>Therefore so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and will give them water of gall to drink. <sup>16</sup>I will also scatter them among the nations, whom they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them.

<sup>17</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, Think carefully, and call for the wailers, that they may come. And send for the wise women, that they may come; <sup>18</sup>and let them make haste and take up a weeping for us, so that our eyes may run down *with* tears, and waters flow *from* our eyelids. <sup>19</sup>For a voice of weeping is heard out of Zion. How are we plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because they have thrown down our tents. <sup>20</sup>Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your daughters to weep, and each one teach her neighbor to mourn. <sup>21</sup>For death has come up into our windows, *and* has entered into our houses, to cut off the children from outside *and* the young men from the streets. <sup>22</sup>Speak, So says the LORD, Even the bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the fallen grain after the reaper; and none shall gather *them*.

<sup>23</sup>So says the LORD, Do not let the wise glory in his wisdom, nor let the mighty glory in his might; do not let the rich glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup>but let him who glories glory in this, that *he* understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD, doing kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these *things* I delight, says the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will punish all the circumcised with foreskin; <sup>26</sup>Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and all *who are* in the outermost corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all *these nations are* not circumcised, and all the house of Israel — those not circumcised in heart.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD, Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are terrified at them. <sup>3</sup>For the customs of the people are vain; for *one* cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the workman. <sup>4</sup>They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, so that it will not wobble. <sup>5</sup>They *are* like a rounded post, and they cannot speak. They must surely be lifted, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil nor good, for it is not in them. <sup>6</sup>*There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might.* <sup>7</sup>Who would not fear You, O King of nations? For fear belongs to You, because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is none like You.* <sup>8</sup>But they are all at once foolish and animal-like; the tree *is* an example of vanities.

<sup>9</sup>Silver beaten into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the goldsmith. Violet and purple is their clothing; they *are* all the work of skillful ones. <sup>10</sup>But the LORD *is* the true God, He *is* the living God, and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to stand His fury. <sup>11</sup>So you shall say to them, The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens. <sup>12</sup>He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His judgment. <sup>13</sup>When He utters His voice, *there is* a noise of many waters in the heavens. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures. <sup>14</sup>Every man is stupid *for lack of* knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the graven image; for his molten image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them. <sup>15</sup>They *are* vanity the work of delusion; in the time of their judgment they shall perish. <sup>16</sup>The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for He *is* the Maker of all things; and Israel *is* the rod of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts *is* His name.

<sup>17</sup>Gather up your bundle from the ground, you who live under the siege. <sup>18</sup>For so says the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the people of the land at this time, and will distress them, so that they may feel it.

<sup>19</sup>Woe *to* me for my breaking! My wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this *is* a malady, and I must bear it. <sup>20</sup>My tabernacle *is* ravaged, and all my cords *are* broken; My sons went away from me, and they *are* not. *There is* none to stretch out My tabernacle any more, and to set up My curtains. <sup>21</sup>For the pastors have become stupid, and have not sought the LORD, therefore they shall not be blessed, and all their flocks shall be scattered. <sup>22</sup>Behold, the noise of the rumor has come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a den of jackals.

<sup>23</sup>O LORD, I know that the way of man does not *belong* to man; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps. <sup>24</sup>O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing. <sup>25</sup>Pour out Your fury on the nations who do not know You, and on the families who do not call on Your name; for they have eaten up Jacob and have devoured him, and have destroyed him, and have made his dwelling desolate.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, <sup>2</sup>Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And say to them, So says the LORD God of Israel, Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant, <sup>4</sup>which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice and do them according to all that I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God; <sup>5</sup>so that I may fulfil the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then I answered and said, Amen, O LORD. <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to me, Declare all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. <sup>7</sup>For I earnestly testified to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and testifying, saying, Obey My voice. <sup>8</sup>Yet they did not obey nor bow down their ear, but walked each one in the imagination of his evil heart. So I will bring on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did not do *them*. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among the people of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.

<sup>11</sup>So the LORD says this: Behold, I will bring evil on them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry to Me, I will not listen to them. <sup>12</sup>Then shall the cities of Judah and the people of Jerusalem go and cry to the gods to whom they offer incense. But they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. <sup>13</sup>For *according to* the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah. And *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that* shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. <sup>14</sup>And you, do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear them in the time they cry to Me for their trouble. <sup>15</sup>What *is to* My beloved in My house, *since* she has committed *her* many evils? And has the holy flesh caused your evil to pass from you? *How* then do you exult? <sup>16</sup>The LORD called your name, a green olive tree, fair, *with* fine fruit. With the sound of a great storm He has set fire to it, and its branches are worthless. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD of hosts who planted you has spoken evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done to themselves to provoke Me to anger by offering incense to Baal.

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD made me know, and I knew. Then You showed me their doings. <sup>19</sup>But I *was* like a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter. And I did not know that they had plotted evils against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name may be remembered no more. <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts who judges rightly, who tries the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance on them. For to You I have revealed my cause. <sup>21</sup>Therefore so says the LORD of the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, *saying*, Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you do not die by our hand. <sup>22</sup>So says LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; <sup>23</sup>and there shall be no remnant of them. For I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, the year of their judgment.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Righteous *are* You, O LORD, that I might contend; yet let me speak with You *about* Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are all those happy who deal treacherously? <sup>2</sup>You have planted them; yea, they take root. They grow, yea, they make fruit. You *are* near in their mouth and far from their reins. <sup>3</sup>But You, O LORD, know me. You have seen me and tried my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and devote them for the day of slaughter. <sup>4</sup>How long shall the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither from the evil of those who dwell in it? The beasts and the birds have been destroyed, because they said, He shall not see our last end.

<sup>5</sup>If you have run with footmen, and they wore you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you feel secure in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan? <sup>6</sup>For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you. Yea, they have called a multitude after you. Do not believe them, though they speak good things to you.

<sup>7</sup>I have forsaken My house; I have left My inheritance. I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies. <sup>8</sup>My inheritance is to Me as a lion in the forest; it cries out against Me; therefore I have hated it. <sup>9</sup>My inheritance is like a speckled bird to Me; the birds all around *are* against her. Come, gather all the beasts of the field, come to devour. <sup>10</sup>Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; they have trampled My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. <sup>11</sup>One has made it desolate, it mourns to Me. The whole land is made desolate because no man lays *it* to heart. <sup>12</sup>The ravagers have come on all high places through the wilderness; for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the *other* end of the land. No flesh shall have peace. <sup>13</sup>They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns. They are worn out, but they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>So says the LORD against all my evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. <sup>15</sup>And after I have plucked them out, I will return and have pity on them, and will bring them again, each man to his inheritance and each man to his land. <sup>16</sup>And if they will carefully learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, *As* the LORD lives; as they taught the people to swear by Baal; then they shall be built in the midst of My people. <sup>17</sup>But if they will not obey, I will uproot and destroy that nation, says the LORD.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD to me, Go and buy for yourself a linen girdle, and put it on your loins, and do not put it in water. <sup>2</sup>So I bought a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loins. <sup>3</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, <sup>4</sup>Take the girdle that you bought, which is on your loins, and arise. Go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock. <sup>5</sup>So I went and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me. <sup>6</sup>And it happened at the end of many days the LORD said to me, Arise, go to Euphrates and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there. <sup>7</sup>Then I went to Euphrates and dug, and took the girdle from the place where I had hidden it. And, behold, the girdle has rotted; it was not good for anything. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>So says the LORD, In this way I will spoil the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the imagination of their heart and walk after other gods to serve them

and to worship them, shall even be like this girdle, which is good for nothing. <sup>11</sup>For as the girdle holds fast to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me, says the LORD; so that they might be to Me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory; but they would not hear.

<sup>12</sup>So you will speak to them this word: So says the LORD God of Israel, Every skin shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Do we not surely know that every skin shall be filled with wine? <sup>13</sup>Then you shall say to them, So says the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the people of this land, even the kings that sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. <sup>14</sup>And I will smash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says the LORD. I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, to *keep them* from their destruction.

<sup>15</sup>Hear and give ear; do not be proud; for the LORD has spoken. <sup>16</sup>Give glory to the LORD your God, before He causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, He turns it into the shadow of death, setting up deep gloom. <sup>17</sup>But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride. And my eye shall weep sore and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock was captured. <sup>18</sup>Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your greatness shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory. <sup>19</sup>The cities of the south have been shut up, and none are opening; Judah has been exiled, all of it has been peacefully exiled.

<sup>20</sup>Lift up your eyes and behold those who come from the north. Where *is* the flock *that* was given to you, your beautiful flock? <sup>21</sup>What will you say when he comes to punish you? For you have taught them *to be* rulers over you for a head. Do not pangs seize you, like a woman in travail? <sup>22</sup>And if you say in your heart, Why do these things come on me? *It is* because of the greatness of your iniquity; your skirts are bared, and your heels suffer violence. <sup>23</sup>Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard its spots? *Then* you also may do good, who are accustomed to doing evil. <sup>24</sup>And I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness. <sup>25</sup>*This is* your lot, the share I have measured to you, says the LORD, because you have forgotten Me and trusted in falsehood. <sup>26</sup>So I also have stripped off your skirts over your face, that your shame may appear. <sup>27</sup>I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the wickedness of your fornication, and your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? How long *will it still be*?

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the matter of droughts. <sup>2</sup>Judah mourns, and its gates droop. They are black to the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. <sup>3</sup>And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters; they came to the cisterns, and found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. <sup>4</sup>Because the ground was cracked, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed; they covered their heads. <sup>5</sup>Yea, the doe also calved in the field and forsook *it*, because *there was* no grass. <sup>6</sup>And the wild asses stood in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like jackals; their eyes failed because *there was* no grass.

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, act for Your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You. <sup>8</sup>O the Hope of Israel, its Saviour in time of trouble, why should You be as a stranger in the land, and as a traveler turning in to lodge? <sup>9</sup>Why should You be as a man stunned, as one

mighty, yet save? Yet You, O LORD, *are* in our midst, and we are called by Your name. Do not leave us!

<sup>10</sup>So says the LORD to this people; So they have loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them. He will now remember their iniquity and visit their sins. <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to me, Do not pray for this people for good. <sup>12</sup>When they fast, I will not hear their cry, and when they offer burnt offering and a grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague.

<sup>13</sup>Then I said, Ah, O Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets are saying to them, You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine; but I will give you true peace in this place. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name; I did not send them, nor have I commanded them, nor did I speak to them. They prophesy to you a false vision and a worthless divination, and a thing of no value, and the deceit of their heart. <sup>15</sup>So the LORD says this concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; by sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. <sup>16</sup>And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, *neither* them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters. For I will pour their evil on them.

<sup>17</sup>And you shall speak this word to them: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and do not let them cease. For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, *with* a very grievous blow. <sup>18</sup>If I go out into the field, then I see those killed with the sword! And if I enter into the city, then I see those who are sick with famine! Yes, both the prophet and the priest have gone up into a land that they do not know. <sup>19</sup>Have You utterly rejected Judah? Or has Your soul hated Zion? Why have You stricken us, and there *is* no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! <sup>20</sup>We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You. <sup>21</sup>Do not abhor *us* for Your name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of Your glory; remember, do not break Your covenant with us. <sup>22</sup>Are there *any* among the vanities of the nations who make rain fall? Or can the heavens give showers? *Is* it not You, O LORD our God? Then we will wait on You; for You do all these *things*.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My soul *could* not *be* toward this people. Send *them* out of My sight, and let them go out. <sup>2</sup>And it will be, if they say to you, Where shall we go? Then you shall tell them, So says the LORD: Those who *are* for death, go to death; and those for the sword, to the sword; and those for the famine, to the famine; and those for the captivity, to the captivity. <sup>3</sup>And I will set over them four kinds, says the LORD; the sword to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. <sup>4</sup>And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>For who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Or who shall weep over you? Or who shall turn aside to ask your welfare? <sup>6</sup>You have forsaken Me, says the LORD; you have gone backward; therefore I will stretch out My hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with repenting. <sup>7</sup>And I will winnow them with a fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of sons; I will destroy My people, since they do not return from their ways. <sup>8</sup>Their widows are more numerous about



Me than the sand of the seas; I have brought on them a ravager at noonday against the mother of a young man; I have caused anguish and terror to fall on her suddenly. <sup>9</sup>She who bore seven languishes; she has breathed out her life; her sun has gone down while *it was* yet day. She has been ashamed and humiliated; and I will deliver the rest of them to the sword before their enemies, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not loaned, nor have men loaned to me; *yet* every one of them curses me. <sup>11</sup>The LORD said, Truly I will free you for good. Truly I will cause the enemy to entreat you in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. <sup>12</sup>Can one break iron, iron or bronze from the north? <sup>13</sup>Your wealth and your treasures I will give for prey, not for price, but for all your sins, even in all your borders. <sup>14</sup>And I will make *you* pass with your enemies into a land which you do not know. For a fire has been kindled in My anger; it shall burn against you.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on those who seek to hurt me. Do not take me away in Your long-suffering; know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the circle of mockers, nor rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand; for You have filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why has my pain been without end, and why is my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You surely are to me like a deceitful brook *whose* waters cannot be trusted.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore so says the LORD, If you turn back, then I will bring you again; you shall stand before Me. And if you take the precious from the worthless, you shall be as My mouth. Let them turn back to you, but do not return to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not overcome you; for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the evil ones.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD was to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>You shall not take a wife for yourself, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place. <sup>3</sup>For so says the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land: <sup>4</sup>They shall die from deaths of diseases; they shall not be mourned, nor shall they be buried. *But* they shall be as dung on the face of the earth. And they shall be destroyed by the sword and by famine; and their bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth. <sup>5</sup>For so says the LORD, Do not enter into the house of mourning; do not go to weep nor moan over them. For I have taken away My peace from this people, says the LORD, *even* loving-kindness and mercies. <sup>6</sup>Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, nor shall *men* mourn for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them. <sup>7</sup>Nor shall *men* tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead. Nor shall *men* give them the cup of comfort to drink for their father or for their mother. <sup>8</sup>Also you shall not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. <sup>9</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause the voice of mirth to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, and the voice of gladness, and the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

<sup>10</sup>And it shall be, when you declare to this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us?

Or what is our iniquity, or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? <sup>11</sup>Then you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law. <sup>12</sup>And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk each one after the imagination of his evil heart, without listening to Me; <sup>13</sup>even I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night; where I will not grant you favor.

<sup>14</sup>So, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that it shall no more be said, As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt; <sup>15</sup>but, As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands where He had driven them. And I will bring them again into their lands that I gave to their fathers.

<sup>16</sup>Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they will fish them. And afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. <sup>17</sup>For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. <sup>18</sup>And first I will twice repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land, they have filled My inheritance with the dead bodies of their abominable things. <sup>19</sup>O LORD, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* in which *there is* no profit. <sup>20</sup>Shall a man make gods to himself, and they *are* no gods? <sup>21</sup>Therefore, behold, this once I will make them know My power; I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>The sin of Judah is engraved with an iron pen; *it is* carved on the tablet of the heart with the point of a diamond; on the horns of Your altars; <sup>2</sup>while their sons remember their altars and their groves by the green trees on the high hills. <sup>3</sup>O My mountain in the field, I will give your wealth *and* all your treasures for prey, *and* your high places for sin, throughout all your borders. <sup>4</sup>And you, even through yourself, have let go of the inheritance which I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in a land which you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My anger, *which* shall burn forever.

<sup>5</sup>So says the LORD, Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For he shall be like a juniper in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall live in the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land that is not inhabited. <sup>7</sup>Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, and Jehovah is his trust. <sup>8</sup>For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters; *it* sends out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when the heat comes, but its foliage shall be green; and he is not worried in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. <sup>11</sup>The quail sits *on* eggs and does not hatch *them*; in the same way he who gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the middle of his days, and in his end he shall be a fool.

<sup>12</sup>A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary. <sup>13</sup>O LORD, the Hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. Those who

depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the Fountain of living waters. <sup>14</sup>Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved; for You *are* my praise.

<sup>15</sup>Behold, they say to me, Where *is* the word of the LORD? Let it come now! <sup>16</sup>As for me, I have not hurried away from shepherding after You; nor have I desired the woeful day; You surely know the going forth of my lips before Your face. <sup>17</sup>Do not be a terror to me; You *are* my hope in the day of evil. <sup>18</sup>Let those who persecute me be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed; let them be afraid, but do not let me be afraid. Bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them *with* double breaking.

<sup>19</sup>So the LORD said to me: Go and stand in the gates of the sons of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in, *and* by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup>And say to them, Hear the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the people of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates! <sup>21</sup>So says the LORD, Take heed to yourselves, and carry no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>Nor carry out a burden from your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers. <sup>23</sup>But they did not obey, nor bowed down their ear, but made their neck stiff, so that they might not hear nor receive instruction. <sup>24</sup>And it shall be, if you carefully listen to Me, says the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but keep the Sabbath day holy, to do no work in it; <sup>25</sup>then kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their rulers, the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem. And this city shall remain forever. <sup>26</sup>And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and grain offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>But if you will not listen to me to keep the Sabbath day holy, and not to carry a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it will not be put out.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. <sup>3</sup>Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was working a work on the wheel. <sup>4</sup>And the vessel that he made in clay was ruined in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>6</sup>O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter? says the LORD. Behold, As the clay in the potter's hands, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>The instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck it up and to pull it down, and to destroy it; <sup>8</sup>if that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them. <sup>9</sup>And the instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant it; <sup>10</sup>if it does evil in My sight, that it does not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good.

<sup>11</sup>Now then come, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, So says the LORD: Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you. Return now, each one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. <sup>12</sup>And they said, There is no hope; but we will walk after

our own ways, and we will each one do *according* to the stubbornness of his evil heart. <sup>13</sup>Therefore so says the LORD, Ask now among the nations; who has heard the like of this? The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. <sup>14</sup>Does the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the field? Or shall the cold flowing waters that come from *another* place be forsaken? <sup>15</sup>Because My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways *from* the old paths, to walk in by-paths, not in the highway, <sup>16</sup>to make their land desolate *and* a hissing forever. Everyone who passes by will be amazed, and will wag his head. <sup>17</sup>I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

<sup>18</sup>Then they said, Come and let us plot schemes against Jeremiah. For the law shall not perish from the priest, nor wisdom from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. <sup>19</sup>Give heed to me; O LORD, and listen to the voice of my foes. <sup>20</sup>Should evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before You to do good for them, and to turn away Your wrath from *them*. <sup>21</sup>Therefore deliver up their sons to the famine, and give them over to the hand of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved, and widows. And let their men be slain of death; let their young men be struck by the sword in battle. <sup>22</sup>Let a cry be heard from their houses, when You suddenly bring a raiding party on them. For they have dug a pit to take me, and have hidden snares for my feet. <sup>23</sup>Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel against me to kill *me*. Do not forgive their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from Your sight, but let them be overthrown before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger.

#### CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen jar, and *assemble* from the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests. <sup>2</sup>And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there declare the words that I shall tell you. <sup>3</sup>And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and people of Jerusalem. So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, which shall cause the ears of him who hears it to tingle. <sup>4</sup>Because they have forsaken Me, and have made this place estranged and have burned incense in it to other gods whom nor they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents. <sup>5</sup>They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I never commanded nor spoke, nor did *it* come into My mind. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but, The Valley of Slaughter. <sup>7</sup>And I will make the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem come to nothing in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of those who seek their lives. And I will give their dead bodies to be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the animals of the earth. <sup>8</sup>And I will make this city a waste and a hissing. Everyone who passes by shall be amazed and shall hiss because of all its plagues. <sup>9</sup>And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall each one eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress, with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall distress them.

<sup>10</sup>Then you shall break the jar before the eyes of the men who go with you, <sup>11</sup>and shall say to them, So says the LORD of hosts, Even so I will break this people of this city, as *one* breaks a potter's vessel that cannot be made whole again. And they shall bury *them* in Tophet until there is no place *left* to bury. <sup>12</sup>I will do this

to this place, says the LORD, and to its people, and make this city as Tophet.<sup>13</sup> And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be as defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

<sup>14</sup>Then Jeremiah came from Tophet, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy. And he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the people, <sup>15</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring on this city and on all its towns all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have hardened their necks so that they might not hear My words.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>When Pashur the son of Immer the priest — he also *was* chief officer in the house of the LORD — heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, <sup>2</sup>then Pashur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the upper Benjamin Gate, which *was* by the house of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And it happened on the next day, Pashur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, The LORD has not called your name Pashur, but Terror from All Around. <sup>4</sup>For so says the LORD, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. And they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold *it*. And I will give all Judah into the king of Babylon's hand, and he will exile them into Babylon, and kill them with the sword. <sup>5</sup>And I will give all the wealth of this city, and its produce, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, *even* I will give into the hand of their enemies; who will strip them and take them, and bring them to Babylon. <sup>6</sup>And you, Pashur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. And you shall come to Babylon, and you shall die there, and shall be buried there; you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies.

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, You have deceived me, and I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I am in derision all the day; everyone laughs at me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I cry violence and ruin; for the word of the LORD has been a reproach and a cause of mocking to me all day. <sup>9</sup>Then I said, I will not mention Him, nor speak in His name any more. But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding in, and I could not *stop*. <sup>10</sup>For I heard the slanders of many, terror is all around! Expose! Yea, let us expose him! Every man of my peace *is* watching for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be lured away, and we shall prevail over him, and we shall take our revenge on him. <sup>11</sup>But the LORD *is* with me like a mighty, awesome one. Therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not overcome me. They shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not be blessed. *Their* everlasting shame shall never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who tries the righteous *and* sees the reins and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them. For I have committed my cause to You. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD; for He has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

<sup>14</sup>Cursed *is* the day in which I was born; let not the day in which my mother bore me be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Cursed *is* the man who brought news to my father, saying, A man child is born to you; making him very glad. <sup>16</sup>And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; <sup>17</sup>because he did not kill me from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great *with* me. <sup>18</sup>Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed in shame?

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, <sup>2</sup>Please inquire of the LORD for us. For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us. Ask if the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that he may go up from us.

<sup>3</sup>Then Jeremiah said to them, You shall say this to Zedekiah, <sup>4</sup>So says the LORD God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the walls. And I will gather them together in the middle of this city. <sup>5</sup>And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. <sup>6</sup>And I will strike the people of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great plague. <sup>7</sup>And afterward, says the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those who are left in this city from the plague, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, nor have pity, nor have mercy.

<sup>8</sup>And to this people you shall say, So says the LORD, Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. <sup>9</sup>He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes out and falls to the Chaldeans who are all around you, he shall live, and his life shall be his prize. <sup>10</sup>For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, says the LORD. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

<sup>11</sup>And concerning the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear the word of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>O house of David, so says the LORD: Do judgment in the morning, and deliver *him who* is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest My fury go out like fire, and burn so that none can put *it* out, because of the evil of your doings. <sup>13</sup>Behold, *I am* against you, O dweller of the valley *and* rock of the plain, says the LORD; those who say, Who shall come down against us? Or who shall enter into our homes? <sup>14</sup>But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says the LORD; and I will kindle a fire in the forest of it, and it shall devour all things around it.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak this word there. <sup>2</sup>And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. <sup>3</sup>So says the LORD, Do judgment and righteousness, and deliver *him who* is robbed out of the oppressors's hand. And do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. <sup>4</sup>For if you do this thing indeed, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. <sup>5</sup>But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a ruin. <sup>6</sup>For so says the LORD to the king's house of Judah, You *are* Gilead to Me, and the head of Lebanon. *Yet* surely I will make you a wilderness *and* cities with no people. <sup>7</sup>And I will prepare destroyers against you, each one with his weapons. And they shall cut down your choice cedars, and throw *them* into the fire. <sup>8</sup>And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say each one to his neighbor, Why has the LORD done this

to this great city? <sup>9</sup>Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.

<sup>10</sup>Weep not for the dead, nor moan for him; *but* weep bitterly for him who goes away. For he shall return no more, nor see his native country. <sup>11</sup>For so says the LORD concerning Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth out of this place; he shall not return there any more. <sup>12</sup>But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

<sup>13</sup>Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his upper rooms without justice; who uses his neighbor's servants without pay, and gives him nothing for his work; <sup>14</sup>who says, I will build myself a wide house and large rooms, and cuts out windows for himself; and puts in a cedar ceiling, and paints it with vermilion. <sup>15</sup>Do you reign, because you lust to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then *it was well with him*. <sup>16</sup>He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was well with him*. Was this not to know me? says the LORD. <sup>17</sup>But your eyes and your heart *are* for nothing but your unjust gain, and to shed innocent blood, and for cruelty, and to do violence. <sup>18</sup>Therefore so says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, my brother! or, Ah, sister! They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, lord! or, Ah, his glory! <sup>19</sup>He shall be buried *with the burial of an ass*, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

<sup>20</sup>Go up to Lebanon, and cry. And lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages; for all your lovers are destroyed. <sup>21</sup>I spoke to you in your ease; *but* you said, I will not hear. This *has been* your way from your youth, for you have not obeyed My voice. <sup>22</sup>The wind shall eat up all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated for all your wickedness. <sup>23</sup>O dweller in Lebanon, nested in the cedars, how gracious shall you be when pangs come to you, the pain as one giving birth? <sup>24</sup>As I live, says the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pull you out of there! <sup>25</sup>And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of *those* whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. <sup>26</sup>And I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you *were* not born. And there you shall die. <sup>27</sup>But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return. <sup>28</sup>*Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *Is he* a vessel in which there is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they do not know? <sup>29</sup>O earth, earth, earth! hear the word of the LORD! <sup>30</sup>So says the LORD, Write this man down as childless, a man that shall not be blessed in his days. For no man of his seed shall be blessed, sitting on the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore so says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people, You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will bring on you the evil of your doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they shall fear no more, nor be afraid; nor shall they lack *anything*, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and shall do judgment and justice in the earth. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is His name by which He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD lives, who brought the sons of Israel up out of the land of Egypt; <sup>8</sup>but, The LORD lives, who brought up and led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I have driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

<sup>9</sup>My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of His holiness. <sup>10</sup>For the land is full of adulterers. Yes, because of cursing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their way is evil, and their power is not right. <sup>11</sup>For both prophet and priest are ungodly; yes, in My house I have found their evil, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>So their way shall be to them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall in them; for I will bring evil on them, *even* the year of their judgment, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>And I have seen frivolity in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to go astray. <sup>14</sup>I have also seen in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing; they commit adultery and walk in falsehood. They also give power to the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his evil; they are all of them like Sodom to Me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah. <sup>15</sup>So the LORD of hosts says this concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem godliness has gone forth into all the land.

<sup>16</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you vain; they speak a vision from their own heart, not out of the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They still say to those who despise Me, The LORD has said, You shall have peace! And they say to everyone who walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come on you! <sup>18</sup>For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hears His word? Who has listened to His word and heard it? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the tempest of the LORD has gone forth in fury, a whirling tempest. It shall whirl on the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD shall not return, until He has done and until He has set up the purposes of His heart; in later days you shall understand it perfectly. <sup>21</sup>I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in My wisdom and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near, says the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill Heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets said, who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. <sup>26</sup>How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? But *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who plot to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell, each one to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream. And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not My word like a fire? says the LORD; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? <sup>30</sup>So the LORD says, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who steal My words each one from his neighbor. <sup>31</sup>The LORD says, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who use their tongues and say,



He says. <sup>32</sup>The LORD says, Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams and tell them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies and by their lightness. Yet I did not send them nor command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? You shall then say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, says the LORD. <sup>34</sup>And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. <sup>35</sup>So you shall say each one to his neighbor, and each one to his brother, What has the LORD answered? And what has the LORD spoken? <sup>36</sup>And you shall mention the burden of the LORD no more. For every man's word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. <sup>37</sup>So you shall say to the prophet, What has the LORD answered you? And what has the LORD spoken? <sup>38</sup>But since you say, The burden of the LORD; therefore so says the LORD, Because you say this word; the burden of the LORD; and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The burden of the LORD; <sup>39</sup>therefore, behold, I, even I, will completely forget you, and I will forsake you and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you out of My presence.* <sup>40</sup>And I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a never-ending shame, which shall not be forgotten.

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>The LORD caused me to see, and behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the rulers of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. <sup>2</sup>One basket *had* very good figs, like the first ripe figs. And the other basket *had* very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so that they cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

<sup>4</sup>Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>So says the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge the exiles of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans for their good. <sup>6</sup>For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land. And I will build them and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. <sup>7</sup>And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. For they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

<sup>8</sup>And like the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely so says the LORD, So I will give to Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his rulers, and the rest of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt; <sup>9</sup>and I will even make them an agitation for evil to all the kingdoms of the earth, for a reproach and a proverb, a gibe and a curse, there in all places where I shall drive them. <sup>10</sup>And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague among them until they are destroyed from the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

#### CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah. It *was* the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; <sup>2</sup>the word which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the people of Jerusalem, saying, <sup>3</sup>From the

thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day, that is the twenty-third year, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking. But you have not listened. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but you have not listened nor bowed down your ear to hear. <sup>5</sup>They said, Turn again now, each one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and to your fathers forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>And do not go after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm. <sup>7</sup>Yet you have not listened to Me, says the LORD, so that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands, for harm to you.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore so says the LORD of hosts, Because you have not heard My words, <sup>9</sup>behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and will bring them against this land, and against its people, and against all these nations all around. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a waste, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins. <sup>10</sup>And I will take from them the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the candle. <sup>11</sup>And this whole land shall be a ruin *and* a waste. And these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

<sup>12</sup>And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, and the land of the Chaldeans, says the LORD, for their iniquity, and I will make it an everlasting ruin. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring on that land all My words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. <sup>14</sup>For many nations and great kings shall lay service on them also. And I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

<sup>15</sup>For so says the LORD, the God of Israel, to me, Take the wine cup of this wrath at My hand, and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it. <sup>16</sup>And they shall drink, and be moved, and be maddened, because of the sword that I will send among them. <sup>17</sup>Then I took the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD had sent me, drink; <sup>18</sup>Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings of them, and their rulers, to make them a ruin and a waste, a hissing, and a curse, (as *it is* today), <sup>19</sup>Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and his servants, and his rulers, and all his people, <sup>20</sup>and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the rest of Ashdod; <sup>21</sup>Edom, and Moab, and the sons of Ammon, <sup>22</sup>and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isles which *are* beyond the sea, <sup>23</sup>Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, <sup>24</sup>and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the desert, <sup>25</sup>and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, <sup>26</sup>and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* on the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

<sup>27</sup>So you shall say to them, So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. <sup>28</sup>And if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, So says the LORD of hosts, You shall certainly drink. <sup>29</sup>For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by My name; and should you be found entirely without guilt? You shall not be without guilt. For I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>30</sup>And prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, The LORD shall roar

from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation. He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He shall give a shout, like those who tread out grapes, against all the people of the earth.<sup>31</sup> A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will enter into judgment with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword, says the LORD.<sup>32</sup> So says the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be stirred up from the corners of the earth.<sup>33</sup> And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth; they shall not be mourned, nor gathered, nor buried. They shall be as dung on the ground.

<sup>34</sup>Howl, shepherds, and cry; and roll, leaders of the flock. For the days of your slaughter and of your scatterings are fulfilled; and you shall fall like a desirable vessel.<sup>35</sup> And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the choice ones of the flock, to escape.<sup>36</sup> A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the choice ones of the flock, *shall be heard*; for the LORD has spoiled their pasture.<sup>37</sup> And the peaceful pastures are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.<sup>38</sup> Like the lion, He has left His den; for their land is wasted because of the oppressor's pressing fury, and because of His fierce anger.

### CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not keep back a word.<sup>3</sup> It may be that they will listen, and each man turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their doings.<sup>4</sup> And you shall say to them, So says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I am sending to you (both rising up early and sending *them*, but you have not listened); <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.<sup>7</sup> So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, You shall surely die!<sup>9</sup> Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be wasted, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the rulers of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entrance of the new gate of the LORD's house.<sup>11</sup> And the priests and the prophets spoke to the rulers and to all the people, saying, *Let* a death sentence *be* for this man, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the rulers and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.<sup>13</sup> So now make your ways and your doings good, and obey the voice of the LORD your God. And the LORD will repent of the evil that He has spoken against you.<sup>14</sup> As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand. Do with me as *seems* good and right to you.<sup>15</sup> But know for certain that if you put me to death you shall surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its

people. For truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.

<sup>16</sup>Then the rulers and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, There is not a sentence of death for this man; for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God. <sup>17</sup>Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, <sup>18</sup>Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, So says the LORD of hosts: Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house like the high places of a forest. <sup>19</sup>Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah indeed put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD, and pray to the LORD, and the LORD repented of the evil which He had spoken against them? So we are doing great evil against our souls. <sup>20</sup>And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. <sup>21</sup>And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the rulers, heard his words, the king tried to put him to death. But when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled and went into Egypt. <sup>22</sup>And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt; Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt. <sup>23</sup>And they brought Urijah out of Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword and threw his dead body into the graves of the common people. <sup>24</sup>But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD to me, Make bonds and yokes for yourself, and put them on your neck. <sup>3</sup>And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. <sup>4</sup>And command them to say to their masters, So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: So you shall say to your masters, <sup>5</sup>I have made the earth, the man, and the animals that *are* on the face of the earth, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed right to Me. <sup>6</sup>And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant. And I have also given him the beast of the field to serve him. <sup>7</sup>And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the *time* of his own land comes. And then many nations and great kings shall make him a slave to them. <sup>8</sup>And it shall be, the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish, says the LORD, with the sword and with the famine, and with the plague, until I have destroyed them by his hand. <sup>9</sup>As for you, do not listen to your prophets, nor to your fortune tellers, nor to your dreams, nor to your conjurers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon. <sup>10</sup>For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out and you should perish. <sup>11</sup>But the nations who bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those I will let remain still in their own land, says the LORD. And they shall work it and dwell in it.

<sup>12</sup>I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his

people, and live. <sup>13</sup>Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, as the LORD has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? <sup>14</sup>Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon. For they prophesy a lie to you. <sup>15</sup>For I have not sent them, says the LORD; yet they prophesy a lie in My name, so that I might drive you out, and that you might perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

<sup>16</sup>Also I spoke to the priests and to all the people, saying, So says the LORD, Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon. For they prophesy a lie to you. <sup>17</sup>Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon and live. For why should this city be laid waste? <sup>18</sup>But if they *are* prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now pray to the LORD of hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

<sup>19</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels which remain in this city, <sup>20</sup>which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he exiled Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; <sup>21</sup>yes, so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem: <sup>22</sup>They shall be carried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the day that I visit them, says the LORD. Then I will bring them up and give them back to this place.

#### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. <sup>3</sup>Within two full years I will again bring into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried them to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went into Babylon, says the LORD. For I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah for the eyes of the priests, and for the eyes of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen. May the LORD do so. May the LORD confirm your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. <sup>7</sup>But hear now this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people: <sup>8</sup>The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of plague. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* the prophet shall be known, that the LORD has truly sent him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. <sup>11</sup>And Hananiah spoke for the eyes of all the people, saying, So says the LORD, Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the time of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

<sup>12</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, <sup>13</sup>Go and tell Hananiah, saying, So says the LORD: You have broken the yokes of wood, but you shall make for them yokes of iron. <sup>14</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And they shall serve him. And I have given him the beasts of the field also. <sup>15</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah. The LORD has not sent you, but you make this people to trust in a lie. <sup>16</sup>Therefore so says the LORD, Behold, I will drive you from off the face of the earth. You shall die this year, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD. <sup>17</sup>So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>2</sup>(This was after Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the rulers of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem.) <sup>3</sup>The letter came by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah the king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying, <sup>4</sup>So says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live *in them*; and plant gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and father sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters, that you may be multiplied there and not become few. <sup>7</sup>And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be exiled, and pray to the LORD for it. For in its peace you shall have peace.

<sup>8</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your fortune-tellers in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you dream. <sup>9</sup>For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>For so says the LORD, When according to My word seventy years have been fulfilled for Babylon, I will visit you and confirm My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For I know the purposes which I am purposing for you, says the LORD; purposes of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>And you shall seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>And I will be found by you, says the LORD; and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD. And I will bring you again into the place from where I caused you to be exiled.

<sup>15</sup>Because you have said, The LORD has raised us up prophets in Babylon; <sup>16</sup>so says the LORD of the king who sits on the throne of David, and of all the people who dwell in this city, *and* of your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity; <sup>17</sup>so says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the plague, and will make them like worthless figs which cannot be eaten from badness. <sup>18</sup>And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the plague, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a waste, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them, <sup>19</sup>because they have not listened

to My words, says the LORD, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but you would not hear, says the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>And hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon; <sup>21</sup>so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, about Ahab the son of Kolaiah and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall kill them before your eyes. <sup>22</sup>And a curse shall be taken up from them by all the captivity of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire, <sup>23</sup>because they have committed evil in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in My name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, says the LORD.

<sup>24</sup>You shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, <sup>25</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, <sup>26</sup>The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be officers in the house of the LORD, over every madman who prophesies, that you should put him into the stocks and into the collar. <sup>27</sup>Now therefore why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you? <sup>28</sup>For this cause he sent to us *in* Babylon, saying, *This captivity is long. Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit.* <sup>29</sup>And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

<sup>30</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>31</sup>Send to all those of the captivity, saying, So says the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust in a lie, <sup>32</sup>therefore so says the LORD, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his seed. He shall not have a man to dwell among this people; nor shall he behold the good which I shall do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>So speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. <sup>3</sup>For, lo, the days come, says the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says the LORD. And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave their fathers, and they shall possess it.

<sup>4</sup>And these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. <sup>5</sup>For so says the LORD, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. <sup>6</sup>Ask now, and see whether a man is giving birth? Why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins, like a woman in labor, and all faces are turned into paleness? <sup>7</sup>Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. <sup>8</sup>For it shall be in that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break his yoke from off your neck and will burst your bonds. And strangers shall no longer lay service on him, <sup>9</sup>but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.

<sup>10</sup>And you, O My servant Jacob, do not fear, says the LORD. Do not be terrified, O Israel. For lo, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid. <sup>11</sup>For I *am* with you, says the LORD, to save you. Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not

make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will not find you entirely without guilt. <sup>12</sup>For so says the LORD, Your break cannot be cured, and your wound is grievous. <sup>13</sup>There is none to plead your cause; for your ulcer there are *no* healing medicines for you. <sup>14</sup>All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you. For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity; because your sins are many. <sup>15</sup>Why do you cry over your crushing? Your pain is incurable, for the greatness of your iniquity; *because* your sins are many, I have done these things to you. <sup>16</sup>So all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your enemies, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And they who rob you shall be robbed, and all who strip you I will strip. <sup>17</sup>For I will give health back to you, and will heal you of your wounds, says the LORD; because they called you an outcast, *saying*, This is Zion; no one is seeking for her.

<sup>18</sup>So says the LORD: Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and will have mercy on his dwelling places. And the city shall be built on her own hill, and the palace shall remain in its own place. <sup>19</sup>And out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the voice of those who rejoice. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. <sup>20</sup>Also their sons shall be as they were before, and their congregation shall be established before Me, and I will punish all who ill-treat them. <sup>21</sup>And their rulers shall be of themselves, and their governor shall come from among them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me. For who *is* this who pledged his heart to come near to Me? says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>23</sup>Behold, the tempest of the LORD goes forth with fury, a never-ending tempest; it shall fall with pain on the head of the wicked. <sup>24</sup>The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return until He has done *it*, and until He has fulfilled the intentions of His heart. In the latter days you shall understand it.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD, The people *who were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went before him to cause him to rest. <sup>3</sup>The LORD has appeared to me from afar, *saying*, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel. You shall again put on your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. <sup>5</sup>You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day *that* the watchmen on Mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise and let us go up to Zion to the LORD our God! <sup>7</sup>For so says the LORD, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O LORD, save Your people, the remnant of Israel. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the corners of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; a great company shall return there. <sup>9</sup>They shall come with weeping, and with prayers I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* My firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coasts afar off. And say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd keeps his flock. <sup>11</sup>For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the one stronger than he. <sup>12</sup>Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat,



and for wine, and for oil, and for the sons of the flock and the herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not pine away any more at all.<sup>13</sup>Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their affliction.<sup>14</sup>And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>So says the LORD: A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing *and* bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons, because they are not.<sup>16</sup>So says the LORD: Hold back your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD. And they shall come again from the land of the enemy.<sup>17</sup>And there is hope for your future, says the LORD, that *your* sons shall come again to their own border.

<sup>18</sup>I have surely heard Ephraim mourning to himself, *saying*, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull not broken in; turn me, and I shall be turned. For *You are* the LORD my God.<sup>19</sup>Surely after I was turned, I repented; and after I was taught, I struck on *my* thigh. I was ashamed, yea, I even blushed, because I bore the disgrace of my youth.<sup>20</sup>Is Ephraim My dear son? *Is* he a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. Therefore My bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.<sup>21</sup>Set up waymarks, make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, the way you went. Turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.<sup>22</sup>How long will you turn to and fro, O faithless daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the land; a woman shall enclose a man.

<sup>23</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Again they shall speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I shall again bring their captivity; The LORD bless you, O home of justice *and* mountain of holiness.<sup>24</sup>And farmers, and those who go forth with flocks, shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities of it together.<sup>25</sup>For I satisfy the weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul.<sup>26</sup>On this I awoke and looked up; and my sleep was sweet to me.

<sup>27</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of animal.<sup>28</sup>And it shall be, as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so I will watch over them to build, and to plant, says the LORD.<sup>29</sup>In those days they shall not say any more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the sons's teeth are dull.<sup>30</sup>But every man shall die in his iniquity. Every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be dull.

<sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah,<sup>32</sup>not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day that I took *them* by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says the LORD;<sup>33</sup>but this *shall be* the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, says the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.<sup>34</sup>And they shall no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the LORD; for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

<sup>35</sup>So says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day *and* the laws of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who divides the sea when its waves roar; the LORD of hosts *is* His name;<sup>36</sup>if those ordinances depart from Me, says the LORD, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever.<sup>37</sup>So says the LORD, If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations

of the earth below can be searched out, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the LORD.

<sup>38</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner Gate. <sup>39</sup>And the measuring line shall yet go before it to the hill Gareb, and shall go around to Goath. <sup>40</sup>And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook of Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, *shall be* holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up nor thrown down any more forever.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem. And Jeremiah the prophet was shut in the court of the guard, which *was* in the king of Judah's house. <sup>3</sup>For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, So says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it, <sup>4</sup>and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes, <sup>5</sup>and he shall lead Zedekiah into Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says the LORD; though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not be blessed.

<sup>6</sup>And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>7</sup>Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, Buy my field which is in Anathoth; for the right to redeem it *is* yours, to buy it. <sup>8</sup>So Hanameel my uncle son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD and said to me, Please buy my field in Anathoth, which *is* in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the right to redeem *is* yours. Buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field in Anathoth, of Hanameel my uncle's son, and weighed him the silver, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>And I wrote it in the document, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed the silver in the scales. <sup>11</sup>So I took the document of the purchase, that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and the open copy. <sup>12</sup>And I gave the document of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, before the eyes of Hanameel my uncle's *son*, and before the eyes of the witnesses who wrote in the the purchase document, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

<sup>13</sup>And I commanded Baruch before them, saying, <sup>14</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these books, the purchase document, the one sealed and the open book, and put them in an earthen vessel so that they may stand many days. <sup>15</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be owned again in this land.

<sup>16</sup>And after I gave the purchase document to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying, <sup>17</sup>Ah, Lord Jehovah! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and stretched out arm. Nothing is too great for You. <sup>18</sup>You show loving-kindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them. The great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* His name, <sup>19</sup>great in wisdom and mighty in work; for Your eyes *are* open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. <sup>20</sup>For You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* until this day, and in Israel, and among men; and have made You a name, as at this day; <sup>21</sup>and have brought forth Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and

with a stretched out arm, and with great terror. <sup>22</sup>And You have given them this land, which You swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>23</sup>And they came in and possessed it, but they did not obey Your voice, nor did they walk in Your law. They have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do; therefore You have caused all this evil to come on them. <sup>24</sup>Behold, the siege mounds have come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the plague. And what You have spoken has happened; and, behold, You saw it. <sup>25</sup>And You have said to me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.

<sup>26</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>27</sup>Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? <sup>28</sup>Therefore so says the LORD: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it. <sup>29</sup>And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall come up and set this city *on* fire, and burn it with the houses on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger. <sup>30</sup>For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have only done evil before Me from their youth. For the sons of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, says the LORD. <sup>31</sup>For this city has been to Me as a cause of My anger and of My fury from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before My face <sup>32</sup>because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their rulers, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>33</sup>And they have turned the back to Me, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. <sup>34</sup>But they set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. <sup>35</sup>And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech; which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

<sup>36</sup>And now therefore, so says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague: <sup>37</sup>Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great wrath. And I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. <sup>38</sup>And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup>And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their good and for the good of their sons after them. <sup>40</sup>And I will cut an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good. But I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me. <sup>41</sup>Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land, and I will truly plant them in this land with My whole heart and with My whole soul. <sup>42</sup>For so says the LORD: As I have brought all this great evil on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them. <sup>43</sup>And fields shall be bought in this land of which you say, *It is a desert without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.* <sup>44</sup>Men shall buy fields for silver, and write it in a book, and seal *it*, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south. For I will cause their captivity to return, says the LORD.

## CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD the Maker of it, the LORD who formed it in order to establish it; the LORD is His name: <sup>3</sup>Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know. <sup>4</sup>For so says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down *to defend* against the siege-mounds and against the sword: <sup>5</sup>They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My fury, and for all whose evil I have hidden My face from this city. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will bring it health and healing, and I will heal them and will show them the riches of peace and truth. <sup>7</sup>And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. <sup>8</sup>And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned, and by which they have transgressed against Me.

<sup>9</sup>And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the riches that I bring to it. <sup>10</sup>So says the LORD: In this place, which you say *shall be* a desert without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are wasted without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast; <sup>11</sup>in this place there shall be heard again the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD *is* good, for His mercy *endures* forever; and the voice of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return, as at the first, says the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Again in this place which is a desert without man and without beast, and in all its cities, there *shall be* a home of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down. <sup>13</sup>In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him who tallies, says the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will establish the good thing which I have spoken to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days, and at that time, I will cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up to David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely. And this is the name with which she shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. <sup>17</sup>For so says the LORD, David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, <sup>18</sup>nor shall the priests the Levites lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle grain offerings, and to do sacrifice forever.

<sup>19</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>20</sup>So says the LORD: If you can break My covenant of the day and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season, <sup>21</sup>then also may My covenant with David My servant be broken, that he should not have a son to reign on his throne, and My covenant with the Levites the priests, My ministers. <sup>22</sup>As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me. <sup>23</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>24</sup>Do you not consider what this

people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has even cast them off? So they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them. <sup>25</sup>So says the LORD: If My covenant is not *with day and night*, and if I have not given the ordinances of Heaven and earth, <sup>26</sup>then I will cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth — because his hand rules — and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem and against all its cities; saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and tell him, So says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. <sup>3</sup>And you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be captured and delivered into his hand. And your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah: So says the LORD of you, You shall not die by the sword. <sup>5</sup>You shall die in peace; and as the burnings of spices for your fathers, the former kings which were before you, so they shall burn *spices* for you. And they will mourn you, saying, Ah, lord! For I have spoken the word, says the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, <sup>7</sup>when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah; against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after king Zedekiah had cut a covenant with all the people *who were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them, <sup>9</sup>that each man should let his male slave, and each man his female slave, if a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, to go free, that none should cause them to be slaves to him, to a Jew, his brother. <sup>10</sup>And all the rulers, and all the people who had entered into the covenant allowed *them* to go free, each man his male slave, and each man his female slave, so that not *any* should enslave among them any more; and they obeyed and let *them* go. <sup>11</sup>But afterward they turned and caused the slaves and slavegirls whom they had let go free, to return! And they subjected them for slaves and slavegirls. <sup>12</sup>So the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>13</sup>So says the LORD, the God of Israel: I cut a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying, <sup>14</sup>At the end of seven years each man should let go his brother, a Hebrew, and who has been sold to him. And when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you. But your fathers did not listen to me, nor bow down their ears. <sup>15</sup>And you had turned today, and had done right in My sight to call for liberty, each man to his neighbor. And you had cut a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name. <sup>16</sup>But you turned and defiled My name, and each man caused his slave, and each man caused his slavegirl, whom you had set free to do as they pleased, to return. And you brought them into service to be slaves and slavegirls to you. <sup>17</sup>So the LORD says this: You have not listened to Me in call for liberty each man to his brother, and each man to his neighbor! Behold, I call for freedom for you, says the LORD, to the sword, to the plague, and to the famine. And I will cause you to be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. <sup>18</sup>And I will give the men who have sinned against My covenant, who have not done the words of the covenant which they cut before

Me when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts; <sup>19</sup>the rulers of Judah, and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf; <sup>20</sup>I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth. <sup>21</sup>And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, and his rulers, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have withdrawn from you. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will command, says the LORD, and cause them to return to this city. And they shall fight against it and capture it, and burn it with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah a desert without a soul to live in it.

### CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the sons of Josiah king of Judah, saying, <sup>2</sup>Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the rooms. And give them wine to drink. <sup>3</sup>Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites. <sup>4</sup>And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was near the room of the rulers, above the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door. <sup>5</sup>And I set pots full of wine, and cups, before the sons of the house of the Rechabites. And I said to them, Drink wine! <sup>6</sup>But they said, We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons forever. <sup>7</sup>Nor shall you build houses, nor sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor have *anything*; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days in the land where you are strangers. <sup>8</sup>So we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he has commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; <sup>9</sup>nor to build houses for us to live in. Nor do we have vineyard, nor field, nor seed. <sup>10</sup>But we have lived in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. <sup>11</sup>But it happened when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, we said, Come and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the Chaldean army, and for fear of the Syrian army. So we are living at Jerusalem.

<sup>12</sup>Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>13</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to My words? says the LORD. <sup>14</sup>The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are done. For to this day they do not drink, but obey their father's commandment. But I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but you did not listen to Me. <sup>15</sup>I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return now each man from his evil way, and make your doings good, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you have not bowed down your ear, nor listened to Me. <sup>16</sup>Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have done the commandment of their father, which He commanded them; but this people has not listened to Me; <sup>17</sup>therefore so says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the people of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them. Because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

<sup>18</sup>And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, and have kept all his precepts, and have done according to all that he has commanded you; <sup>19</sup>therefore so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever.

### CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>Take a roll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day. <sup>3</sup>It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I plan to do to them, that they may each man return from his evil way, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. <sup>4</sup>Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah. And Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which He had spoken to him, on a roll of a book. <sup>5</sup>And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up. I cannot go into the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Therefore you go, and read in the roll which you have written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people on the fasting day. And also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. <sup>7</sup>It may be they will present their prayer before the LORD, and will return, each one from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the LORD has spoken against this people. <sup>8</sup>And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book, the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

<sup>9</sup>And it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, they called a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>And Baruch read in the book, the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entrance to the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

<sup>11</sup>When Michaiah, the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD out of the book, <sup>12</sup>then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room. And, lo, all the rulers sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the rulers. <sup>13</sup>Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. <sup>14</sup>Therefore all the rulers sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take the roll in your hand, the roll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came to them.

<sup>15</sup>And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. <sup>16</sup>And it happened when they had heard all the words, they turned to one another in fear and said to Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. <sup>17</sup>And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth? <sup>18</sup>Then Baruch answered them, He spoke all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink on the book. <sup>19</sup>And the rulers said to Baruch, Go hide yourselves, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are.

<sup>20</sup>And they went in to the king into the court. But they laid up the roll in the room of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. <sup>21</sup>So the king sent Jehudi to bring the roll. And he took it out of the room of Elishama

the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the rulers who stood beside the king. <sup>22</sup>And the king sat *in* the winter house in the ninth month; also with the burning fire-pan before him. <sup>23</sup>And it happened when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the scribe's knife and threw *it* into the fire in the fire-pan, until all the scroll was burned up in the fire-pan. <sup>24</sup>Yet the king and all his servants were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments. <sup>25</sup>But Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had pleaded with the king that he should not burn the scroll, but he would not hear them. <sup>26</sup>And the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But the LORD hid them.

<sup>27</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, <sup>28</sup>Take another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. <sup>29</sup>And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, So says the LORD: You have burned this scroll, saying, Why have you written in it, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there? <sup>30</sup>Therefore so says the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no *one* to sit on the throne of David. And his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. <sup>31</sup>And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity. And I will bring on them, and on the people of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evils that I have spoken against them; but they did not listen.

<sup>32</sup>Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And many words like them were added to them.

## CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. <sup>2</sup>But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. <sup>3</sup>And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the LORD our God for us. <sup>4</sup>And Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into prison. <sup>5</sup>And Pharaoh's army had come out from Egypt. And when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup>And the word of the LORD came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, <sup>7</sup>So says the LORD, the God of Israel: You shall say this to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. <sup>8</sup>And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city, and capture it, and burn it with fire. <sup>9</sup>So says the LORD: Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us. For they shall not depart. <sup>10</sup>For though you had stricken the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, they would rise up, each man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

<sup>11</sup>And it happened when the army of Chaldeans was made to go up from Jerusalem because of fear of Pharaoh's army, <sup>12</sup>then Jeremiah went out of



Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive a portion from there in the midst of the people. <sup>13</sup>And it happened, he *being* in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard named Irijah *was* there, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah. And he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling away to the Chaldeans. <sup>14</sup>Then Jeremiah said, A lie! I am not falling away to the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him; so Irijah took Jeremiah and brought him to the rulers. <sup>15</sup>And the rulers were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison, the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison.

<sup>16</sup>When Jeremiah had entered into the house of the pit, and into the cells, then Jeremiah remained there many days. <sup>17</sup>And Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is. For, He said, you shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. <sup>18</sup>And Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I offended against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? <sup>19</sup>Where now *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you nor against this land? <sup>20</sup>And please hear now, O my lord the king; I beg you, let my cry be pleasing to you, so that you cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. <sup>21</sup>And Zedekiah the king commanded that they should put Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him a piece of bread out of the bakers' street daily, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

### CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life as a prize, and shall live. <sup>3</sup>So says the LORD: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall capture it. <sup>4</sup>And the rulers said to the king, Please let this man be put to death. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the good of this people, but the hurt. <sup>5</sup>Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand. For the king cannot do anything against you. <sup>6</sup>And they took Jeremiah and threw him into the pit of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, which *was* in the court of the prison. And they let Jeremiah down with ropes. And *there was* no water in the pit, only mud. So Jeremiah sank into the mud.

<sup>7</sup>And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, of the eunuchs in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the pit (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin), <sup>8</sup>Ebed-melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying, <sup>9</sup>My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit. And he is likely to die of hunger in the place where he is, for there is no more bread in the city. <sup>10</sup>Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet up out of the pit before he dies. <sup>11</sup>So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took old torn clothes and old rotten rags from there, and let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah. <sup>12</sup>And Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Now put the old torn clothes and rotten rags under your armpits, under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so. <sup>13</sup>So they drew up Jeremiah with

ropes and took him up out of the pit. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

<sup>14</sup>And Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him, into the third gate that *is* in the house of the LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing. Do not hide anything from me. <sup>15</sup>Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me. <sup>16</sup>Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life. <sup>17</sup>Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, So says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will surely go forth to the king of Babylon's rulers, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you shall live, and your house. <sup>18</sup>But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's rulers, then this city shall be given into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand. <sup>19</sup>And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and lest they hurt me. <sup>20</sup>But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *you*. I beg you, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you; so it shall be well to you, and your soul shall live. <sup>21</sup>But if you refuse to go out, this *is* the word that the LORD has shown to me: <sup>22</sup>And, behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought out to the king of Babylon's rulers, and they shall say, Your friends have urged you on, and have prevailed against you. Your feet have sunk in the mire, and they have turned away. <sup>23</sup>So they shall bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. And you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

<sup>24</sup>Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die. <sup>25</sup>But if the rulers hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you; <sup>26</sup>then you shall say to them, I presented my cry before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. <sup>27</sup>Then all the rulers came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they quit speaking with him; for the matter was not known. <sup>28</sup>So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was captured. And he was *there* when Jerusalem was captured.

## CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, came against Jerusalem. And they besieged it. <sup>2</sup>In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth of the month, the city was broken up. <sup>3</sup>And all the rulers of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate: Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, chief of the eunuchs, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the rest of the rulers of the king of Babylon.

<sup>4</sup>And it happened when Zedekiah, the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went out from the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out the way of the plain. <sup>5</sup>But the Chaldean army pursued after them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And they took him, and made him go up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment on him. <sup>6</sup>Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in

Riblah. Also the king of Babylon killed all the rulers of Judah. <sup>7</sup>And he blinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

<sup>8</sup>And the Chaldeans burned the king's houses and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>Then Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners exiled to Babylon the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him with the rest of the people that remained. <sup>10</sup>But Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners left some of the poor people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields on that day.

<sup>11</sup>And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave command concerning Jeremiah to Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners, saying, <sup>12</sup>Take him, and set your eyes on him, and do him no evil. But do with him even as he shall say to you. <sup>13</sup>So Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners sent, and Nebu-shasban, Rabsaris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's rulers, <sup>14</sup>even they sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and entrusted him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, to take him to the house. So he lived among the people.

<sup>15</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, <sup>16</sup>Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring My words on this city for evil and not for good. And they shall be *done* in that day before you. <sup>17</sup>But I will deliver you in that day, says the LORD. And you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. <sup>18</sup>For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in Me, says the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him, being bound in chains, among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were being exiled to Babylon. <sup>2</sup>And the chief of the executioners took Jeremiah and said to him, The LORD your God has spoken evil against this place. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD has brought *it*, and has done according as He has said, Because you have sinned against the LORD and have not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come on you. <sup>4</sup>And now, behold, I set you free today from the chains on your hand. If *it* seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come. And I will keep my eye on you. But if it seems evil to you to come with me into Babylon, stay. Behold, all the land is before you. Wherever it seems good and pleasing for you to go, go there. <sup>5</sup>And while he had not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people. Or go wherever it seems right to you to go. So the chief of the executioners gave him food and a reward, and let him go. <sup>6</sup>Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam at Mizpah. And he lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

<sup>7</sup>And when all the captains of the forces who *were* in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had entrusted to him men, and women, and children, and many of the poor of the land, of those who were not exiled to Babylon; <sup>8</sup>then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai of Netopha, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they

and their men. <sup>9</sup>And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. <sup>10</sup>As for me, behold, I will live at Mizpah to serve the Chaldeans, who have come to us. But you go gather wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken.

<sup>11</sup>Also when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Shaphan; <sup>12</sup>even all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits *in* abundance.

<sup>13</sup>And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah. <sup>14</sup>And *they* said to him, You certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to kill you. But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them. <sup>15</sup>Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Please let me go. And I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*. Why should he kill you so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish? <sup>16</sup>But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing. For you speak falsely of Ishmael.

#### CHAPTER 41

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and the rulers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah. And there they ate bread together in Mizpah. <sup>2</sup>Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. <sup>3</sup>Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war. <sup>4</sup>And it happened the second day after he had killed Gedaliah (and no one knew it), <sup>5</sup>some men from Shechem came from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* eighty men, with their beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, *with* offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went along. And it happened as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. <sup>7</sup>And it happened when they came into the middle of the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, he and the men with him, and they threw *them* into the middle of the pit. <sup>8</sup>But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us, for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he held back and did not kill them among their brothers. <sup>9</sup>And the pit *in* which Ishmael had thrown all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had killed because of Gedaliah, *was* the one which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain. <sup>10</sup>Then Ishmael exiled all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, even the king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners had entrusted to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried *them* away captive and left to go over to the Ammonites.

<sup>11</sup>But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

<sup>12</sup>then they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah. And they found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon. <sup>13</sup>And it happened when all the people who *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad. <sup>14</sup>So all the people that Ishmael had exiled from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. <sup>15</sup>But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites. <sup>16</sup>Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces with him took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. They took mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon. <sup>17</sup>And they departed and lived in the inn of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt <sup>18</sup>because of the Chaldeans. For they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

## CHAPTER 42

<sup>1</sup>Then came near all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near. <sup>2</sup>And *they* said to Jeremiah the prophet, Please let our cry be pleasing to you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, *even* for all this remnant, (for we are left *but* a few of many, as your eyes behold us,) <sup>3</sup>that the LORD your God may show us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do. <sup>4</sup>And Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard. Behold, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall be, all the word the LORD shall answer, I will declare it to you. I will keep nothing back from you. <sup>5</sup>And they said to Jeremiah, Let the LORD be a true and faithful witness between us if we do not do even according to all things for which the LORD your God shall send you to us. <sup>6</sup>Whether *it is* good, or whether *it is* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD your God, to whom we send you; so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

<sup>7</sup>And it happened after ten days, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. <sup>8</sup>And he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest. <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, So says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your cry before Him: <sup>10</sup>If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you and will not pull *you* down. And I will plant you and will not pluck *you* up. For I repent of the evil that I have done to you. <sup>11</sup>Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not be afraid of him, says the LORD. For I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand. <sup>12</sup>And I will show mercies to you, so that he may have mercy on you and cause you to return to your own land.

<sup>13</sup>But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, nor obey the voice of the LORD your God, <sup>14</sup>saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger for bread; and there we will dwell; <sup>15</sup>then now hear the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: If you surely set your faces to go into Egypt, and go to live there, <sup>16</sup>then it will happen, the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt. And the famine of which you were anxious about shall cling to you there *in* Egypt; and you shall die there. <sup>17</sup>So *it* shall be to all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there. They shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. And none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them. <sup>18</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God

of Israel: As My anger and My fury has been poured forth on the people of Jerusalem, so shall My fury be poured forth on you when you shall enter into Egypt. And you shall be a curse, and a wonder, and a shame, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Do not go into Egypt. Know certainly that I have warned you this day. <sup>20</sup>For you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us to the LORD our God; and according to all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it. <sup>21</sup>And I have declared it to you today; but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor anything for which He has sent me to you. <sup>22</sup>And therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, in the place where you desire to go to live.

#### CHAPTER 43

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, all these words, <sup>2</sup>Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, spoke then, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt to live there. <sup>3</sup>But Baruch the son of Neriah sets you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death and carry us away captives to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD to live in the land of Judah. <sup>5</sup>But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations (where they had been driven) to dwell in the land of Judah; <sup>6</sup>men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. <sup>7</sup>So they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD. So they came to Tahpanhes.

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, <sup>9</sup>Take great stones to your hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah. <sup>10</sup>And say to them, So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden. And he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. <sup>11</sup>And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt. And whoever is for death *shall go* to death; and whoever is for captivity, into captivity; and whoever is for the sword, to the sword. <sup>12</sup>And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. And he shall burn them and carry them away captives. And he shall adorn himself with the land of Egypt, like a shepherd puts on his robe; and he shall go out from there in peace. <sup>13</sup>He shall also break the obelisks of The House of the Sun which is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he shall burn with fire.

#### CHAPTER 44

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who live in the land of Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah. And, behold, today *they* are a ruin, and no one lives there <sup>3</sup>because of their evil which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve

other gods whom they knew not, they, you, nor your fathers. <sup>4</sup>But I sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate! <sup>5</sup>But they did not listen, nor bow down their ear to turn from their evil, to burn no incense to other gods. <sup>6</sup>Therefore My fury and My anger was poured out, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. And they are wasted, deserted as at this day. <sup>7</sup>And now so says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and babe, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain; <sup>8</sup>in that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to live, that you might cut yourselves off and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? <sup>9</sup>Have you forgotten the punishments of your fathers, and the evil of the kings of Judah, and the evil of their wives, and your own evil, and the evil of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>10</sup>They are not humbled even to this day, nor have they feared, nor walked in My law, nor in My statutes which I have set before you and before your fathers.

<sup>11</sup>So the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. <sup>12</sup>And I will take the remnant of Judah, who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there; and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be destroyed by the sword *and* by the famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be a curse, a wonder, and a shame, and a reproach. <sup>13</sup>For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, <sup>14</sup>So that none of the remnant of Judah who has gone into the land of Egypt to live shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah *to* which they have a desire to return to live there. For none shall return except those who escape.

<sup>15</sup>And all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great multitude, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah. And they said, <sup>16</sup>As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you. <sup>17</sup>But we will certainly do whatever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our rulers, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. For *then* we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. <sup>18</sup>But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked *all things*, and have been devoured by the sword and by the famine. <sup>19</sup>And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make our cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our men?

<sup>20</sup>And Jeremiah said to all the people to the men and to the women, and to all the people who had given him that answer; <sup>21</sup>The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your rulers, and the people of the land; did not the LORD remember them, and did it *not* come into His mind? <sup>22</sup>Yea, so that the LORD could no longer hold back because of the evil of your doings, because of the abominations which you have committed! So your land is a waste, and a wonder, and a curse, without anyone in it, as it is today. <sup>23</sup>Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor

walked in His law, nor in His statutes, nor in His testimonies, therefore this evil has happened to you, as at this day.

<sup>24</sup>And Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that is in the land of Egypt. <sup>25</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, We will surely fulfil our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her. You will surely fulfil your vows and surely carry out your vows. <sup>26</sup>Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that lives in the land of Egypt. Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says the LORD, that My name will no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord Jehovah lives. <sup>27</sup>Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good. And all the men of Judah in the land of Egypt shall be destroyed by the sword and by the famine, until there is an end of them. <sup>28</sup>Yet the small number that escapes the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah (who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there) shall know whose word shall stand, Mine or theirs.

<sup>29</sup>And this shall be a sign to you, says the LORD, that I will punish you in this place so that you may know that My words shall surely stand against you for evil. <sup>30</sup>So says the LORD, Behold, I am giving to Pharaoh-hophra, king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his life.

#### CHAPTER 45

<sup>1</sup>The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: <sup>3</sup>You said, Woe is me now, for the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. <sup>4</sup>So you shall say to him, The LORD says this: Behold, *that* which I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. <sup>5</sup>And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*; for behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, says the LORD. But I will give your life to you as a prize, in all places where you go.

#### CHAPTER 46

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations; <sup>2</sup>against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. <sup>3</sup>Set in order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. <sup>4</sup>Harness the horses, and horsemen get up. Yea, stand with helmets, polish the spears; put on body armor. <sup>5</sup>Why have I seen? They *are* afraid, turned backward? And their mighty ones are beaten down and have fled *for* refuge, and *they* do not look back. Terror is all around, says the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape. They stumbled and fell toward the north, by the side of the river Euphrates.

<sup>7</sup>Who is this rising up like the Nile, whose waters are moved like the rivers? <sup>8</sup>Egypt rises up like the Nile, and *his* waters surge about like the rivers. And he says, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and its people. <sup>9</sup>Come up, horses; and rage chariots! And let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, and the Lydians who handle



and bend the bow. <sup>10</sup>For this is the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself of His foes. And the sword shall devour, and it shall be filled and made drunk with their blood, for the Lord Jehovah of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. <sup>11</sup>Go up into Gilead and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt. In vain shall you use many medicines, for you shall not be cured. <sup>12</sup>The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land. For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, and they have both fallen together.

<sup>13</sup>The word spoken by the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, of the coming of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, to strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>Declare it in Egypt, and cry it in Migdol, and make it heard in Noph and in Tahpanhes. Say, Stand fast and get ready, the sword shall devour all around you. <sup>15</sup>Why is your mighty one swept away? They did not stand, because the LORD drove them. <sup>16</sup>He made many fall; yea, one fell on another. And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people and to the land of our birth, away from the oppressing sword. <sup>17</sup>They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is a noise; he has passed the chosen time. <sup>18</sup>As I live, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so he shall come. <sup>19</sup>O daughter dwelling in Egypt, get ready to go into captivity. For Noph shall be waste and a desert without inhabitant. <sup>20</sup>Egypt is a beautiful heifer, but a stinger surely comes from the north. <sup>21</sup>Also her hired ones are in her midst like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back, fleeing together. They did not stand, because the day of their calamity had come on them, the time of their visitation. <sup>22</sup>Its sound is like a serpent's going, for they shall go in force and come against her with axes like woodcutters. <sup>23</sup>They shall cut down her forest, says the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the locusts and cannot be counted. <sup>24</sup>The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed. She shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. <sup>25</sup>The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods and their kings; even Pharaoh and all who trust in him; <sup>26</sup>and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterward it will be inhabited, as in the days of old, says the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, and be not afraid, O Israel. For, behold, I will save you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear, O Jacob My servant, says the LORD, for I am with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you. But I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in measure; yet I will not leave you wholly unpunished.

## CHAPTER 47

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza. <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land and all its fullness; the city and those who dwell in it. And the men shall cry, and all the people of the land shall howl. <sup>3</sup>At the noise of the stamping of the hooves of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their sons because of feebleness of hands; <sup>4</sup>because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines and to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains. For the LORD will plunder the Philistines, the rest of the country of Caphtor. <sup>5</sup>Baldness has come on Gaza. Ashkelon is cut off

with the rest of their valley. How long will you cut yourself? <sup>4</sup>O sword of the LORD, how long will it be before you are quiet? Put yourself into your sheath; rest and be still. <sup>7</sup>How can it be quiet, since the LORD has given it a command? He has set it there against Ashkelon, and against the seashore.

#### CHAPTER 48

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, against Moab: Woe to Nebo, for it is ravaged! Kiriathaim is shamed *and* captured. The Fortress is shamed and razed. <sup>2</sup>There shall be no more praise of Moab. In Heshbon they have plotted evil against it, saying, Come and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also you shall be cut down, O madmen; the sword shall pursue you. <sup>3</sup>A voice of crying *shall be* heard from Horonaim, plundering and great ruin. <sup>4</sup>Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. <sup>5</sup>For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of ruin. <sup>6</sup>Flee, save your lives, and be like a naked thing in the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup>For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be captured. And Chemosh shall go into exile *with* his priests and his rulers. <sup>8</sup>And the robber shall come on every city, and no city shall escape. Also the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>Give wings to Moab so that it may flee and get away; for its cities shall be a desert, without an inhabitant. <sup>10</sup>Cursed *is* he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed *is* he who keeps back his sword from blood.

<sup>11</sup>Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone into exile. Therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. <sup>12</sup>Therefore behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will send pourers to him, who shall pour him off, and his vessels shall empty, and shatter their jars. <sup>13</sup>And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their hope.

<sup>14</sup>How do you say, *We are* mighty and strong men for war? <sup>15</sup>Moab is plundered and has come up *out of* her cities. And his chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter, says the King whose name *is* the LORD of hosts. <sup>16</sup>The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hurries fast. <sup>17</sup>All you who are around him, mourn him. And all you who know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod! <sup>18</sup>O dweller, daughter of Dibon, come down from *your* glory and sit in thirst. For the ravager of Moab shall come on you; he shall destroy your strongholds. <sup>19</sup>O dweller of Aroer, stand by the way and watch. Ask him who flees and her who escapes; say, What is happening? <sup>20</sup>Moab is put to shame, for it is broken down. Howl and cry! Tell it in Arnon that Moab is stripped. <sup>21</sup>And judgment has come on the plain country; on Holon, and on Jahazah, and on Mephaath, <sup>22</sup>and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth-diblahaim, <sup>23</sup>and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth-gamul, and on Beth-meon, <sup>24</sup>and on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. <sup>25</sup>The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>Make him drunk, for he magnified *himself* against the LORD. Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be a mockery. <sup>27</sup>For was not Israel a mockery to you? Was he found among thieves? For ever since you spoke of him, you skipped for joy. <sup>28</sup>O you who dwell in Moab, leave the cities and live in the rock, and be like the dove making her nest in the sides of the mouth of the pit. <sup>29</sup>We have heard the pride of Moab (he is exceedingly proud), his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and his elevated heart. <sup>30</sup>I know his wrath, says the LORD, *it is* not so; his boast, *but* they have not done so. <sup>31</sup>So I will wail for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab, *and* shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

<sup>32</sup>O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer. Your plants have gone over the sea; they reach to the sea of Jazer. A ravager has fallen on your summer fruits and on your grape crop. <sup>33</sup>And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab. And I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses; none shall tread *the grapes* with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting. <sup>34</sup>From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh, and to Jahaz, they have uttered their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim, *like* a heifer three years old. For the waters of Nimrim also shall be deserted. <sup>35</sup>And, I will cause him who offers in the high places to cease in Moab, says the LORD, and him who burns incense to his gods. <sup>36</sup>Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like flutes, and my heart shall sound for the men of Kirheres, because the riches *that* he has gotten have perished. <sup>37</sup>For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped. On all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and on the loins sackcloth. <sup>38</sup>On all the housetops of Moab, and in its streets, *there is* weeping for all. For I have broken Moab like a vessel in which is no pleasure, says the LORD. <sup>39</sup>They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! How has Moab turned the back with shame! So Moab shall be a cause of scorn, and he shall be a terror to all those around him. <sup>40</sup>For so says the LORD: Behold, he shall fly like an eagle and shall spread his wings over Moab. <sup>41</sup>Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised; and the mighty men's hearts in Moab shall be at that day like the heart of a woman in *her* pangs. <sup>42</sup>And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he has magnified *himself* against the LORD. <sup>43</sup>Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* on you, O Moabite, says the LORD. <sup>44</sup>He who flees from the terror shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For I will bring on it, *even* on Moab, the year of their judgment, says the LORD.

<sup>45</sup>Those who fled stood powerless under the shadow of Heshbon, for a fire shall come out from Heshbon, and a flame out of the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab and the crown of the head of the sons of desolation. <sup>46</sup>Woe to you, O Moab! The people of Chemosh perish; for your sons are taken captives, and your daughters captives. <sup>47</sup>But I will restore the prisoners of Moab in the latter days, says the LORD. So far is the judgment of Moab.

#### CHAPTER 49

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD to the sons of Ammon: Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why does their kind inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities? <sup>2</sup>So, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will cause a shout of war to be heard in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. And it shall be a heap of ruins, and her daughters shall be burned with fire. Then Israel shall inherit his inheritance, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Wail, O Heshbon; Ai is spoiled! Cry, daughters of Rabbah; clothe yourselves with sackcloth, mourn, and run to and fro by the hedges! For their king shall go into exile; his priests and his rulers together. <sup>4</sup>Why do you glory in your valley, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? she trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me? <sup>5</sup>Behold, I will bring a fear on you, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts, from all those who are around you. And you shall be driven out, each man straight forward; and there shall be none to gather up the runaways. <sup>6</sup>And afterward I will bring again the exile of the sons of Ammon, says the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>So says the LORD of hosts to Edom: *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished? <sup>8</sup>Flee, turn back, dwell deep, O people of Dedan. For I will bring the calamity of Esau on him *in* the time *that* I will visit him. <sup>9</sup>If the gatherers of grapes come to you, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? If thieves come by night, they will destroy until they have enough. <sup>10</sup>But I have made Esau bare; I have uncovered his secret

places, and he shall not be able to hide himself. His seed is ravaged, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he is gone. <sup>11</sup>Leave your orphans; I will keep *them* alive; and let your widows trust in Me. <sup>12</sup>For so says the LORD: Behold, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have surely drunk. And are you to be entirely acquitted? You shall not be acquitted, but you shall surely drink. <sup>13</sup>For I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be wastes forever. <sup>14</sup>I have heard a message from the LORD, and a herald is sent to the nations, *saying*, Gather together and come against her, and rise up to the battle. <sup>15</sup>For lo, I will make you small among the nations, despised among men. <sup>16</sup>Your fearfulness has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says the LORD. <sup>17</sup>Also Edom shall be a ruin. Everyone who goes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss at all its plagues. <sup>18</sup>As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and its neighbor, says the LORD, no man shall remain there, nor shall a son of man live in it.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the home of the strong. But I will suddenly make him run away from her. And who *is* a chosen man whom I may set over her? For who is like Me? And who will appoint Me the time? And who *is* that shepherd who will stand before Me? <sup>20</sup>So then hear the counsel of the LORD which He has taken against Edom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the people of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away. Surely He shall make their homes a ruin over them. <sup>21</sup>The earth is shaken at the noise of their fall; when they cried, its noise was heard in the Red Sea. <sup>22</sup>Behold, he shall come up and fly like the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah. And at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be like the heart of a woman in her pangs.

<sup>23</sup>Concerning Damascus: Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, for they have heard bad news. They are melted; anxiety *is* in the sea; it cannot be quiet. <sup>24</sup>Damascus has become feeble; she has turned to flee, and trembling has seized *her*. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor. <sup>25</sup>How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! <sup>26</sup>So her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be silenced in that day, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>27</sup>And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall burn up the palaces of Ben-hadad.

<sup>28</sup>So says the LORD concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall strike: Arise, go up to Kedar, and strip the men of the east. <sup>29</sup>They shall take away their tents and their flocks. They shall take their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels to themselves. And they shall cry to them, Fear *is* on every side. <sup>30</sup>Flee, go far away, go deep to dwell; O people of Hazor, says the LORD; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has plotted a plan against you. <sup>31</sup>Arise, go up to the wealthy nation that is at ease, says the LORD, which has neither gates nor bars, *which* dwells alone. <sup>32</sup>And their camels shall be a prize, and the multitude of their cattle a prey. And I will scatter those who are in the utmost corners into all winds. And I will bring their calamity from all sides of it, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>And Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals and a ruin forever. No man shall live there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

<sup>34</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, *saying*, <sup>35</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. <sup>36</sup>And I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven on Elam, and will

scatter them toward all those winds. And there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come. <sup>37</sup>For I will cause Elam to be afraid before their enemies and before those who seek their life. And I will bring evil on them, *even My fierce anger*, says the LORD. And I will send the sword after them until I have destroyed them; <sup>38</sup>and I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy the king and the rulers from there, says the LORD. <sup>39</sup>But it shall be in the latter days I will bring again the exile of Elam, says the LORD.

### CHAPTER 50

<sup>1</sup>The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon, against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet. <sup>2</sup>Declare among the nations, and cause them to hear, and lift up a banner. Cause them to hear, do not hide it; say, Babylon is captured, Bel is ashamed, Merodach is broken in pieces; her images are shamed, her idols are broken in pieces. <sup>3</sup>For out of the north a nation comes up against her, which shall make her land a desert, and none shall dwell in it. They shall flee, they shall depart, both man and beast.

<sup>4</sup>In those days, and at that time, says the LORD, the sons of Israel shall come, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping. They shall go and seek the LORD their God. <sup>5</sup>They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces there, *saying*, Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant *that shall not be forgotten*. <sup>6</sup>My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away *on* the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. <sup>7</sup>All who have found them have devoured them. And their enemies said, We do not offend, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of righteousness, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers. <sup>8</sup>Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

<sup>9</sup>For, lo, I am stirring up and bringing up a company of great nations from a northern land against Babylon. And they shall set themselves in order against her. She shall be captured there. Their arrows *shall be* as *those* of a skillful, mighty man; none shall return in vain. <sup>10</sup>And Chaldea shall be a prize; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, says the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, O destroyers of My inheritance; because you have grown fat like the heifer *in* grass, and bellow like bulls; <sup>12</sup>your mother shall be deeply ashamed; she who bore you shall turn pale. Behold, the last of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. <sup>13</sup>Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly a waste. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be amazed and hiss at all her plagues. <sup>14</sup>Put yourselves in order against Babylon all around; all you who bend the bow, shoot at her. Hold back no arrows, for she has sinned against the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Shout against her all around. She has given her hand; her foundations have fallen, her walls have been thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the LORD. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, do to her. <sup>16</sup>Cut off the sower from Babylon, and the one who handles the sickle in the time of harvest. For fear of the pressing sword they shall turn, each one to his people; and they shall flee, each one to his own land.

<sup>17</sup>Israel is a scattered sheep, driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon crunched *his bones*. <sup>18</sup>So Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. <sup>19</sup>And I will again bring Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead. <sup>20</sup>In those days, and at that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and it *shall not be* found;

and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon those whom I keep.

<sup>21</sup>Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it and against the people of Pekod. Waste and destroy after them, says the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded you. <sup>22</sup>A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great ruin. <sup>23</sup>How the hammer of the whole earth is cut off and broken! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations! <sup>24</sup>I have laid a trap for you, and you are also captured, O Babylon, and you did not know. You were found and also caught, because you have fought against the LORD. <sup>25</sup>The LORD has opened His armory, and has brought forth the weapons of His fury. For this *is* the work of the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. <sup>26</sup>Come against her from the border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her completely. Let nothing of her be left. <sup>27</sup>Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their judgment. <sup>28</sup>The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of His temple. <sup>29</sup>Make the archers hear against Babylon. All you who tread a bow, camp against it all around; let none of them escape. Repay her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her. For she has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>30</sup>So her young men shall fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the LORD. <sup>31</sup>Behold, *I am* against you, O proud ones, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will judge you. <sup>32</sup>And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall burn up everything all around him.

<sup>33</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: The sons of Israel and the sons of Judah *were* oppressed together. And all who took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. <sup>34</sup>Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts is His name. He shall thoroughly plead their cause, so that he may give rest to the land, and give trouble to the people of Babylon. <sup>35</sup>A sword *is* on the Chaldeans, says the LORD, and on the people of Babylon, and on her rulers, and on her wise men. <sup>36</sup>A sword *is* on the liars, and they shall become fools. A sword *is* on her mighty men, and they shall be afraid. <sup>37</sup>A sword *is* on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who *are* in her midst; and they shall become *as* women. A sword *is* to her treasures, and they shall be robbed. <sup>38</sup>A drought *is* on her waters; and they shall be dried up. For it *is* the land of idols, and they boast themselves in idols. <sup>39</sup>So the beasts of the desert shall dwell *there* with jackals. And the daughters of the ostrich shall dwell in her again. And it shall not again have anyone *in it* forever; it shall not be lived in until generation and generation. <sup>40</sup>As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, says the LORD, no man shall live there; nor shall any son of man live in it.

<sup>41</sup>Behold, a people shall come from the north, even a great nation; and many kings shall be stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth. <sup>42</sup>They lay hold on a bow and spear; they *are* cruel and will not show mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride on horses arrayed like a man for the battle against you, O daughter of Babylon. <sup>43</sup>The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands became feeble. Anguish took hold of him, and pangs like *those* of a woman in labor.

<sup>44</sup>Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan to the home of the strong. But I will make them suddenly run away from her, and who *is* a chosen one that I may set over her? For who is like Me? And who will set me the time? And who *is* that shepherd who will stand before Me? <sup>45</sup>Therefore hear the

counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Babylon; and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans. Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away; surely He shall make *their* pasture a desert with them. <sup>46</sup>At the sound of the capture of Babylon the earth shall tremble, and a cry is heard among the nations.

### CHAPTER 51

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD: Behold, I will raise up a destroying wind against Babylon, and against those dwelling in the heart of My foes. <sup>2</sup>And I will send aliens to Babylon, who shall empty her, and shall empty her land. For in the day of trouble they shall be against her all around. <sup>3</sup>Do not let the treacher fully tread his bow; nor lift himself up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army. <sup>4</sup>So the dead shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, those thrust through in her streets. <sup>5</sup>For neither Israel nor Judah *has been* forsaken by his God, by the LORD of hosts, though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>6</sup>Flee out of the middle of Babylon, and each man deliver his soul. Be not cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; He will give to her a just reward.

<sup>7</sup>Babylon *has been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which made all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are insane. <sup>8</sup>Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed. Wail for her; take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed. <sup>9</sup>We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her and let us go, each one into his own country; for her judgment reaches to Heaven and is lifted up to the skies. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God. <sup>11</sup>Sharpen the arrows; gather the shields; the LORD has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan is against Babylon, to destroy *it*; because *it is* the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of His temple. <sup>12</sup>Set up the banner on the walls of Babylon; make the watch strong; set up the watchmen; prepare the ambushes. For the LORD has both planned and done that which He spoke against the people of Babylon. <sup>13</sup>O you who live on many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, *and* the measure of your unjust gain. <sup>14</sup>The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men as with locusts; and they shall lift up a shout against you.

<sup>15</sup>He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His understanding. <sup>16</sup>When He utters *His* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and He causes the mists to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings with rain and brings forth the wind out of His treasures. <sup>17</sup>Every man is brutish in knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by idols. For his molded image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them. <sup>18</sup>They *are* vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their judgment they shall perish. <sup>19</sup>The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for He *is* the Former of all things, and *Israel is* the rod of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts *is* His name. <sup>20</sup>You *are* My war-club *and* weapons of war; for with you I will shatter nations; and with you I will destroy kingdoms. <sup>21</sup>And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider in pieces; and with you I will shatter the chariot and his rider. <sup>22</sup>Also with you I will shatter man and woman in pieces; and with you I will shatter old and young; and with you I will shatter the young man and the girl. <sup>23</sup>I will also shatter the shepherd and his flock with you. And with you I will shatter the farmer and his team; and with you I will shatter heads and rulers.

<sup>24</sup>And I will give to Babylon, and to all the people of Chaldea, all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I *am* against you,

O destroying mountain, says the LORD, who destroys all the earth. And I will stretch out My hand on you and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burned mountain. <sup>26</sup>And they shall not take a stone from you for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be a waste forever, says the LORD. <sup>27</sup>Set up a banner in the land; blow a trumpet among the nations; prepare the nations against her. Call the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz together against her; set a captain against her. Cause the horses to come up as the rough locusts. <sup>28</sup>Consecrate nations against her, with the kings of the Medes, her governors and all her rulers, and all the land of his kingdom. <sup>29</sup>And the land shall tremble and writhe. For every purpose of the LORD shall be done against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desert without inhabitant.

<sup>30</sup>The mighty men of Babylon have stopped fighting; they have remained in strongholds; their might has failed. They became like women; they have burned her houses; her bars are broken. <sup>31</sup>A runner shall run to meet a runner, and a herald to a herald, to announce to the king of Babylon that his city is captured from end to end; <sup>32</sup>and that the fords are stopped. And they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war are frightened. <sup>33</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor; it is time to thresh her. Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

<sup>34</sup>Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; he has crushed me; he has made me an empty vessel. He has swallowed me up like a jackal; he has filled his belly with my good things; he has thrown me out; <sup>35</sup>the violence done to me and to my flesh shall be on Babylon; the dweller in Zion shall say. And, My blood shall be on the people of Chaldea, Jerusalem shall say. <sup>36</sup>So the LORD says this: Behold, I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry. <sup>37</sup>And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a wonder and a hissing, without an inhabitant. <sup>38</sup>They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl like lions' cubs. <sup>39</sup>In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they may rejoice and sleep a never-ending sleep, and never awaken, says the LORD. <sup>40</sup>I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats. <sup>41</sup>How Sheshach is captured! And how the praise of the whole earth is surprised! How Babylon has become a wonder among the nations! <sup>42</sup>The sea has come up over Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. <sup>43</sup>Her cities are a desert, a dry land and a wilderness, a land in which no man dwells, nor does any son of man pass by it. <sup>44</sup>And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up. And the nations shall not flow together any more to him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

<sup>45</sup>My people, go out of her midst; and let each man deliver his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. <sup>46</sup>And let not your heart faint, nor fear the rumor that shall be heard in the land. The report shall come in a year. And after that a report shall come in another year; and violence shall be in the land, ruler against ruler. <sup>47</sup>So, behold, the days come that I will punish the idols of Babylon. And all her land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in her midst. <sup>48</sup>And the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall shout for Babylon; for the plunderers shall come to her from the north, says the LORD. <sup>49</sup>As Babylon has caused the dead of Israel to fall, so at Babylon the dead of all the earth shall fall. <sup>50</sup>You who have escaped the sword, go away; do not stand still. Remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. <sup>51</sup>We have turned pale because we have heard reproach; shame has covered our faces, for foreigners have come into the holy places of the LORD's house. <sup>52</sup>So, behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will punish her idols, and through all her land the



wounded shall groan. <sup>53</sup>Though Babylon should mount up to the heavens, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet plunderers shall come to her from Me, says the LORD.

<sup>54</sup>A sound of a cry comes from Babylon, and great ruin from the land of the Chaldeans, <sup>55</sup>because the LORD is stripping Babylon, and the great voice will perish out of her. And her waves will roar like great waters; the noise of their voice is given, <sup>56</sup>because the ravager has come on her, *even* on Babylon, and her mighty men are captured. Every one of their bows is broken, for the LORD God of vengeance shall surely repay. <sup>57</sup>And I will make her rulers drunk, and her wise ones, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men drunk. And they shall sleep a never-ending sleep and not awaken, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts. <sup>58</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be completely broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the people shall be in the fire, and they shall be weary.

<sup>59</sup>The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And Seraiah was a quiet prince. <sup>60</sup>So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come on Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon. <sup>61</sup>And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and shall see and shall read all these words, <sup>62</sup>then you shall say, O LORD, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be a ruin forever. <sup>63</sup>And it shall be, when you have made an end of reading this book, you shall tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of Euphrates. <sup>64</sup>And you shall say, In this way shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring on her. And they shall be weary. So far are the words of Jeremiah.

## CHAPTER 52

<sup>1</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>2</sup>And he did evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. <sup>3</sup>For it was because of the anger of the LORD in Jerusalem and Judah (until He had cast them out from His presence) that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

<sup>4</sup>And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it and built forts against it all around. <sup>5</sup>So the city was under attack until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. <sup>6</sup>And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was very grievous in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. <sup>7</sup>And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden. (And the Chaldeans were beside the city all around.) And they went by the way of the plain. <sup>8</sup>But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And all his army was scattered from him.

<sup>9</sup>And they took the king and carried him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment against him. <sup>10</sup>And the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also killed all the rulers of Judah in Riblah. <sup>11</sup>And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah. And the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

<sup>12</sup>And in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebu-zaradan, chief of the executioners, *who* served the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house. And he burned with fire all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great ones. <sup>14</sup>And all the army of the Chaldeans with the chief of the executioners broke down all Jerusalem's walls all around. <sup>15</sup>And Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners exiled *some* of the poor of the people, and the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. <sup>16</sup>But Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners left *some* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for farmers. <sup>17</sup>Also the Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the bronze sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, and carried all the bronze of them to Babylon. <sup>18</sup>They also took away the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they served. <sup>19</sup>And the chief of the executioners took away the basins, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the pots, and the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups — what *was* gold, *in* gold; and what *was* silver, *in* silver — <sup>20</sup>the two pillars, one sea, and twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD; the bronze of all these vessels was without weight. <sup>21</sup>And the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits. And a line of twelve cubits went around it, and the thickness of it was four fingers. *It* was hollow. <sup>22</sup>And a capital of bronze was on it. And the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capitals all around, all of bronze. The second pillar also, and the pomegranates, *were* like these. <sup>23</sup>And there were ninety-six pomegranates on a side; all the pomegranates on the network *were* a hundred all around.

<sup>24</sup>And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. <sup>25</sup>He also took out of the city a eunuch who was in charge of the men of war; and seven men from those who were near the king's person, who were found in the city; and the chief scribe of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the middle of the city. <sup>26</sup>And Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners took them and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. <sup>27</sup>And the king of Babylon struck them and slaughtered them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was exiled out of his own land. <sup>28</sup>This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar exiled: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews; <sup>29</sup>in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he exiled from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons; <sup>30</sup>in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebu-zaradan the chief of the executioners exiled seven hundred and forty-five persons of the Jews. All the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

<sup>31</sup>And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth *day* of the month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him out from prison, <sup>32</sup>and spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon. <sup>33</sup>And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread before him all the days of his life. <sup>34</sup>And his allowance in continual allowance was given him from the king of Babylon, the matter of a day in its day, until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

# THE BOOK OF LAMENTATION

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>How alone sits the city *that was* full of people! She has become like a widow; great among the nations, a noblewoman among the nations has become a tribute-payer. <sup>2</sup>She bitterly weeps in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has none to comfort *her*. All her friends have dealt deceitfully with her; they became her enemies.

<sup>3</sup>Judah went into captivity because of affliction, and from great slavery. She dwells among the nations; she finds no rest; all her pursuers have overtaken her between the narrows. <sup>4</sup>The roads of Zion mourn because without *any* going to the appointed *feasts*. All her gates are deserted; her priests sigh; her virgins are afflicted, and she *is in* bitterness. <sup>5</sup>Her enemies have become as chief; her haters are at ease; for the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her sins. Her children have gone, captive before the enemy. <sup>6</sup>And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty has departed; her rulers have become like bucks; they find no pasture, and they have gone without strength before the pursuer. <sup>7</sup>Jerusalem remembered all her desirable things that were from previous days; when her people fell into the hand of the foe; and there is no ally for her. The foes saw her; they laughed at her cessations.

<sup>8</sup>Jerusalem has grievously sinned, therefore she has been removed. All knowing her despise her because they saw her nakedness; yea, she sighs and turns backward. <sup>9</sup>Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts; she did not remember her end, and has gone down astoundingly. There is no comforter for her. O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy has magnified *himself*. <sup>10</sup>The enemy has spread out his hand upon all her desirable things; for she has seen the nations enter her holy place, whom You commanded *that* they should not enter into Your congregation. <sup>11</sup>All her people sigh; they seek bread. They have given their desirable things for food to relieve the soul. See, O LORD, and look on *me*, for I have become vile.

<sup>12</sup>*Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which is done to me, with which the LORD has afflicted *me* in the day of His fierce anger. <sup>13</sup>From above He has sent fire into my bones and it has laid them low. He has spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back; He has made me amazed *and* faint all the day. <sup>14</sup>The yoke of my transgressions is bound by His hand; they are woven together; they rise on my neck. He has made my strength to falter; the LORD has delivered me into *their* hands, from whom I am not able to rise up. <sup>15</sup>The LORD has trampled all my mighty ones in my midst; He has called a gathering against me to crush my young men. The LORD has trod the virgin daughter of Judah, *as* in a winepress. <sup>16</sup>For these I weep; my eye, my eye runs down *with* water, because the comforter who could refresh my soul is far from me. My sons are deserted because the enemy prevails. <sup>17</sup>Zion spreads forth her hands; none *is* comforting to me; the LORD has commanded concerning Jacob that his enemies *should be* all around him; Jerusalem has become as an impure thing among them.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD *is* righteous, for I have rebelled against His command. I beseech you, all peoples, hear and behold my sorrow. My virgins and my young men went into exile.

<sup>19</sup>I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me; my priests and my elders expired in the city while they sought food to bring back their life. <sup>20</sup>Behold, O LORD, for I *am* in trouble; my inward parts ferment; my heart is turned within me, for I have grievously rebelled. On the outside the sword bereaves; in the house *it is* as death.

<sup>21</sup>They hear that I sigh; *there is none to comfort me*. All my enemies have heard my evil; they are glad that You have done it. You will bring the day *that You have called*, and they shall be like me. <sup>22</sup>Let all their wickedness come before You; and do to them as You have done to me for all my transgressions. For my sighs *are many*, and my heart *is faint*.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger! He cast down the beauty of Israel from the heavens *to the earth* and remembered not His footstool in the day of His anger. <sup>2</sup>The Lord swallowed up all the dwelling-places of Jacob *and has not pitied*. In His wrath He has thrown down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought *them down to the ground*. He has defiled the kingdom and its rulers. <sup>3</sup>He has cut off all the horn of Israel in *His fierce anger*; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy, and He burned against Jacob like flaming fire *which devours all around*. <sup>4</sup>He has bent His bow like an enemy; He stood with His right hand like an adversary, and killed all *who were desirable to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion*. He poured out His fury like fire. <sup>5</sup>The LORD was like an enemy; He swallowed up Israel; He has swallowed up all her palaces, *and destroyed His strongholds*. And has increased mourning and weeping in the daughter of Judah. <sup>6</sup>And He violated His booth like a garden, *and destroyed His meeting places*. The LORD caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and He despised the king and the priest in the fury of His anger. <sup>7</sup>The LORD has cast off His altar; He rejected His sanctuary; He has given up the walls of her palaces into the hater's hand. They gave a noise in the house of the LORD, as a day of meeting. <sup>8</sup>The LORD purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; He has stretched out a line; He has not withdrawn His hand from swallowing, and He made rampart and wall lament; they languish together. <sup>9</sup>Her gates have sunk in the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars. Her kings and her rulers *are among the nations*. The law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground and are silent; they send up dust on their heads; they gird on sackcloths. The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. <sup>11</sup>My eyes fail with tears; my inward parts ferment; my liver is poured on the ground for the ruin of the daughter of my people, in *that the children and the babies faint in the streets of the city*. <sup>12</sup>They say to their mothers, *Where are grain and wine? In their fainting they are like the wounded in the streets of the city, in their pouring out their lives to their mothers' bosom*. <sup>13</sup>What can I testify for you? What thing shall I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I equal to you, so that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your break *is great like the sea*; who can heal you? <sup>14</sup>Your prophets have seen false and foolish things for you, and they have not uncovered your iniquity, to turn away your captivity; but they have seen false oracles and seductions for you.

<sup>15</sup>All who pass by clap *their hands at you*; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying, Is this the city which they called the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?* <sup>16</sup>All your enemies have opened their mouth against you; they hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed *her up*. Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen. <sup>17</sup>The LORD has done what He has purposed; He has fulfilled His word which He commanded from the days of old. He has thrown down and not pitied. And He caused *your hater rejoice over you*; He has set up the horn of your foes.

<sup>18</sup>Their heart cried to the LORD. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a torrent day and night; give yourself no rest. Let not the daughter of your eye cease. <sup>19</sup>Arise, cry out in the night. At the beginning of the watches, pour out your heart like water before the face of the LORD. Lift up your hands toward Him for the life of your children *who are faint* for hunger in the head of every street.

<sup>20</sup>Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom You have done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, children of tender care? Shall the priest and the prophet be killed in the holy place of the Lord? <sup>21</sup>Young and the old lie in the streets; my virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword. You have killed *them* in the day of Your anger; You have killed *and* not pitied. <sup>22</sup>You have called as in a solemn day my terrors all around, and here was not an escaped one or a survivor in the day of the LORD's anger. Those whom I have nursed and multiplied, my enemy has consumed.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>I the man have seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

<sup>2</sup>He has led me and made *me* go in darkness and not into light. <sup>3</sup>Surely He turned *against me*; He turns His hand all the day. <sup>4</sup>He has wasted my flesh and my skin; He has broken my bones. <sup>5</sup>He built against me and has circled *me* with bitterness and hardship. <sup>6</sup>He has made me live in dark places, like the dead of old. <sup>7</sup>He has set a fence around me and I cannot go out; He has made my bronze chain heavy. <sup>8</sup>Also when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer. <sup>9</sup>He walled up my ways with cut stone; my paths *are* crooked. <sup>10</sup>He *was* a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in secret places. <sup>11</sup>He has turned my ways aside and torn me in pieces. He made me desolate. <sup>12</sup>He has bent His bow and set me as a mark for the arrow.

<sup>13</sup>He has caused the arrows of His quiver to enter into my inward parts. <sup>14</sup>I was a mockery to all my people, their song all the day. <sup>15</sup>He has filled me with bitterness *and* made me drunk *with* wormwood. <sup>16</sup>He also broke my teeth with gravel; He has covered me in the ashes. <sup>17</sup>And You cast off my soul from peace; I have forgotten blessedness. <sup>18</sup>And I said. My strength and my hope from the LORD *are* gone.

<sup>19</sup>Remember my affliction and my wandering, *as* wormwood and bitterness. <sup>20</sup>My soul vividly remembers and bows down on me. <sup>21</sup>I recall this to my mind; therefore I hope.

<sup>22</sup>*It is by* of the LORD's kindnesses that we are not destroyed, because His mercies never fail. <sup>23</sup>*They are new* every morning; great *is* Your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>The LORD is my portion, says my soul; therefore I will hope in Him.

<sup>25</sup>The LORD *is* good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. <sup>26</sup>*It is good* that *one* should hope for the salvation of the LORD, even in silence. <sup>27</sup>*It is good* for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup>He sits alone and keeps silence because He laid *it* on him. <sup>29</sup>He puts his mouth in the dust, if perhaps there may be hope. <sup>30</sup>He gives *his* cheek to Him who strikes him; he is filled with reproach. <sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not cast off forever; <sup>32</sup>for though He causes grief, yet He will have pity according to the multitude of His kindnesses. <sup>33</sup>For He does not afflict from His heart, nor does He grieve the sons of men; <sup>34</sup>to crush all the prisoners of the earth under his feet; <sup>35</sup>to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High; <sup>36</sup>to pervert a man in his cause — *this* the LORD does not see.

<sup>37</sup>Who *is* this who speaks, and it occurs, *when* the Lord does not command *it*? <sup>38</sup>The evil and the good do not come out of the mouth of the Most High? <sup>39</sup>What?

Should mankind complain, a living man, because of his sins? <sup>40</sup>Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

<sup>41</sup>Let us lift up our heart *and* hands to God in Heaven. <sup>42</sup>We have sinned and have rebelled; You have not forgiven. <sup>43</sup>You have wrapped *Yourself* with anger and pursued us; You have slain; You have not pitied. <sup>44</sup>You have wrapped *Yourself* with a cloud from *any* prayer passing through. <sup>45</sup>You have made us *as* the sweepings and garbage in the midst of the peoples. <sup>46</sup>All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. <sup>47</sup>Fear and a pit have come to us, shame and ruin. <sup>48</sup>Streams of water run down my eye for the ruin of the daughter of my people. <sup>49</sup>My eye flows out and does not cease, from there being no intermission, <sup>50</sup>until the LORD shall look down and behold from Heaven. <sup>51</sup>My eye pains my soul because of all the daughters of my city. <sup>52</sup>My haters have hunted me, like a bird, without cause. <sup>53</sup>They have cut off my life in the pit, and cast stones at me. <sup>54</sup>Waters flowed over my head; *then* I said, I am cut off.

<sup>55</sup>I called on Your name, O LORD, out of the lowest pit. <sup>56</sup>You have heard my voice; do not hide Your ear at my relief, at my cry for help. <sup>57</sup>You drew near in the day *that* I called on You; You said, Fear not. <sup>58</sup>O LORD, You strove for the causes of my soul; You redeemed my life. <sup>59</sup>O Lord, You have seen my wrong; judge my cause. <sup>60</sup>You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me.

<sup>61</sup>You have heard their reproach, O LORD, all their plots against me; <sup>62</sup>the lips of those who rose up against me, and their scheming against me all the day. <sup>63</sup>Behold their sitting down and their rising up; I *am* their song. <sup>64</sup>You will return to them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. <sup>65</sup>You will give them dullness of heart, Your curse on them. <sup>66</sup>Pursue and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>How the gold has become dim; the fine gold has changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street. <sup>2</sup>The precious sons of Zion are weighed against pure gold; how they are counted as earthen vessels, the work of a potter's hand! <sup>3</sup>Even the jackals draw out the breast; they suckle their young ones. The daughter of my people *is* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. <sup>4</sup>The suckling's tongue cleaves to his palate in thirst; the young children ask bread; there is no breaking to them. <sup>5</sup>Those who ate delicacies are desolate in the streets; those reared in scarlet embrace dunghills.

<sup>6</sup>And the iniquity of the daughter of my people is heaped more than the sin of Sodom, overthrown as *in* a moment, and no hands spun on her. <sup>7</sup>Her Nazarites *were* purer than snow, whiter than milk; they *were* redder of bone than corals; their cuttings as lapis lazuli, *azure blue*. <sup>8</sup>Their appearance *is* blacker than soot; they are not recognized in the streets; their skin has shriveled on their bones; it is dried up; it has become like wood. <sup>9</sup>Better are the ones slain by the sword than the ones slain by hunger; those who pine away, pierced because the fruits of my fields *failed*. <sup>10</sup>The hands of the pitying women have boiled their own children; they became their food in the ruin of the daughter of my people. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has fulfilled His fury; He has poured out His fierce anger, and has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured its foundations.

<sup>12</sup>The kings of the earth, and all the people of the world, would not have believed that the foe and the hater would go into Jerusalem's gates. <sup>13</sup>For the sins of her prophets *and* the iniquities of her priests, shedding the blood of the just in her midst, <sup>14</sup>they reeled blind in the streets; they are defiled with blood, so that not *any* can touch their clothes.

<sup>15</sup>They cried to them, Depart! Unclean! Depart, depart! Touch not! Indeed they fled and reeled; they said among the nations, They will not continue to live *there*. <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD has shared them out; He will no longer look on them; they did not respect the persons of the priests; they did not favor the elders.

<sup>17</sup>While we are, our eyes fail, for our help *is* vain; in our watching we have watched for a nation; it does not save.

<sup>18</sup>They hunted our steps from going in our streets; our end was near, our days were fulfilled, for our end has come. <sup>19</sup>Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens; they pursued us on the mountains, they lay in wait for us in the wilderness. <sup>20</sup>The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits; *of* whom we said, In his shadow we shall live among the nations.

<sup>21</sup>Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, who lives in the land of Uz. The cup also shall pass through unto you; you shall be drunken and shall make yourself naked.

<sup>22</sup>The punishment of your iniquity *is* fulfilled, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no more. He will visit your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins.

### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Remember, O LORD, what has been to us; look down and see our shame. <sup>2</sup>Our inheritance has turned to aliens, our houses to foreigners. <sup>3</sup>We are orphans and fatherless; our mothers *are as* widows. <sup>4</sup>We have drunk our water for silver; our wood comes for a price. <sup>5</sup>We are pursued on our necks; we grow weary; rest is not given to us. <sup>6</sup>We have given the hand to Egypt, *to* Assyria, to be satisfied with bread. <sup>7</sup>Our fathers have sinned *and are* gone; we have borne their iniquities. <sup>8</sup>Servants rule over us; *there is* no rescuer out of their hand. <sup>9</sup>We bring in our bread with our souls, because of the sword of the wilderness. <sup>10</sup>Our skin is hot like an oven because of the fever heat of famine. <sup>11</sup>They raped the women in Zion, virgins in the cities of Judah. <sup>12</sup>Rulers were hanged by the hand; the faces of elders were not honored. <sup>13</sup>They took the young men to grind, and the youths stumbled at the wood. <sup>14</sup>The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music. <sup>15</sup>The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance has turned into mourning. <sup>16</sup>The crown has fallen *from* our head. Woe now to us! For we have sinned. <sup>17</sup>Our heart is faint for this; our eyes are dim for these *things*. <sup>18</sup>On the mountain of Zion which *is* laid waste, the foxes walk on it.

<sup>19</sup>You, O LORD, remain forever; Your throne to generation and generation. <sup>20</sup>Why do You forget us forever *and* forsake us the length of days? <sup>21</sup>Return us to You, O LORD, and we will turn; renew our days as of old, <sup>22</sup>unless You have utterly rejected us; You are very angry against us.

# THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens *were* opened, and I saw visions of God. <sup>2</sup>On the fifth of the month, the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, <sup>3</sup>the word of the LORD coming became the word of the LORD to Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, the priest in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar. And the hand of the LORD was on him there.

<sup>4</sup>And I looked, and behold, a windstorm came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire flashing itself, and a brightness to it all around, and out of its midst, like the color of polished bronze out of the middle of the fire. <sup>5</sup>Also out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was how they looked; they *had* the likeness of a man. <sup>6</sup>And four faces *were* to each, and four wings to each. <sup>7</sup>And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like the color of burnished copper. <sup>8</sup>And the hands of a man *extended* from under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them *had* their faces and their wings, <sup>9</sup>joining each one to the other *by* their wings. They did not turn in their going; each one went toward the front of their face. <sup>10</sup>And the likeness of their faces: the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right *side* to the four of them; and the the face of an ox on the left *side* to the four of them; and the face of an eagle to the four of them. <sup>11</sup>So their faces *were*. And their wings were stretched upward; to each, the two *wings* of each one were joined; and two *wings* covered their bodies. <sup>12</sup>And each went toward the front of their faces. To where the spirit was to go, there they went; they did not turn in their going. <sup>13</sup>And the likeness of the living creatures: they looked like burning coals of fire; like the appearance of torches. It *was* continually circling among the living creatures. And the fire *was* bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. <sup>14</sup>And the living creatures kept running and returning, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

<sup>15</sup>And as I looked at the living creatures, behold, one wheel *was* on the earth by the living creatures, with its four faces. <sup>16</sup>The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship *was* the color of beryl, and the four of them had one likeness. And their appearance and their workmanship was like a wheel in the middle of a wheel. <sup>17</sup>When they went, they went on their four sides; *and* they did not turn when they went. <sup>18</sup>And their rims: they *were* even high; they *were* even awesome. And their rims *were* full of eyes all around the four of them. <sup>19</sup>And in the going of the living creatures, the wheels went beside them; and in the lifting up of the living creatures from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. <sup>20</sup>Wherever the spirit was to go, there they went; there the spirit *was* to go, and the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels. <sup>21</sup>In their going, these went; and in their standing still, these stood still. And in their lifting up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

<sup>22</sup>And there *was* a likeness over the heads of the living creature; an expanse, like the color of awesome crystal stretched out over their heads from above. <sup>23</sup>And under the expanse their wings *were* straight, the one toward the other. Each one *had* two *wings* covering on this *side*, and to each two covering on that *side* of their bodies. <sup>24</sup>And I heard the sound of their wings, like the sound of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, in their going *was* the sound of tumult, like the sound of an army. In their standing still, they let down their wings.



<sup>25</sup>And there was a voice from the expanse which *was* over their heads, in their standing still, *and* they let down their wings. <sup>26</sup>And from above the expanse that *was* over their heads was a likeness like a sapphire stone, the likeness of a throne. And on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness looking like a man on it from above. <sup>27</sup>And I saw *Him* looking like the color of polished bronze, looking like fire all around within it. From the likeness of His loins even upward, and from the likeness of His loins even downward, I saw *Him*, looking like fire, and it had brightness all around. <sup>28</sup>As the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain looks, so the brightness all around looked. This was how the likeness of the glory of the LORD looked. And I saw. And I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet, so that I heard *Him* who spoke to me. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to the nations, the rebelling ones who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have sinned against Me, to this day. <sup>4</sup>And the sons *are* stiff of face, and hard of heart. I am sending you to them; and you shall say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>5</sup>And they, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear — for they are a rebellious house — yea, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

<sup>6</sup>And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with you, and you dwell among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words, nor frightened by their faces, though they *are* a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup>And you shall speak My words to them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear, for they *are* rebellious.

<sup>8</sup>But you, son of man, hear what I am saying to you. Do not be rebellious like *that* rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you. <sup>9</sup>And I looked, and behold! A hand *was* extended to me; and lo, a roll of a book *was* in it. <sup>10</sup>And He spread it before me; and it was written on the face and the back. And written on it *were* weepings, and mourning, and woe.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find. Eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel. <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your belly with this roll that I give you. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was like honey for sweetness. <sup>4</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, go! Go up to the house of Israel and speak to them with My words. <sup>5</sup>For you *are* not sent to a people of a deep lip and of a hard language, *but* to the house of Israel; <sup>6</sup>not to many people of a deep lip and of a hard language, whose words you cannot hear. Surely, if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel *are* strong of forehead and hard of heart. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces and your forehead strong against their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint. Do not be bowed down by their faces, though they *are* a rebellious house. <sup>10</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, receive all My words which I shall speak to you in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup>And go! Go to those of the captivity, to the sons of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, So says the Lord God; whether they will hear or whether they will forbear. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a sound of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from His place. <sup>13</sup>I also heard

the sound of the wings of the living creatures touching one another, and the sound of the wheels along with them, and a sound of a great rushing. <sup>14</sup>So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong on me.

<sup>15</sup>Then I came to the exiles at Tel-at-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat where they sat; and I also dwelt seven days, being stricken dumb among them. <sup>16</sup>And it happened at the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>17</sup>Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word of My mouth, and give them warning from Me. <sup>18</sup>When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked one shall die in his iniquity; but I will require his blood at your hand. <sup>19</sup>Yet if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. <sup>20</sup>And when the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and when I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die. Because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup>But if you warn the righteous so that the righteous does not sin, and if he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; also you have delivered your soul.

<sup>22</sup>And the hand of the LORD was on me there. And He said to me, Arise, go out into the plain, and I will talk with you there. <sup>23</sup>Then I arose and went out into the plain; and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell on my face. <sup>24</sup>And the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house! <sup>25</sup>But you, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands on you and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them. <sup>26</sup>And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be dumb and shall not be one who warns them. For they *are* a rebellious house. <sup>27</sup>But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, So says the Lord God: He who hears, let him hear; and he who stops his ears, let him stop; for they *are* a rebellious house.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And you, son of man, take a tile to yourself, and lay it before you, and portray on it the city Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mound against it. Also set the camp against it, and set *battering* rams against it all around. <sup>3</sup>And take an iron griddle to yourself, and set it *for* a wall of iron between you and the city. And set your face against it, and it shall be under attack. And you shall set a battle against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel. <sup>4</sup>Also lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; *according* to the number of days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. <sup>5</sup>For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days. So you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And when you have fulfilled them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; a day for a year; a day for a year, I have set for you. <sup>7</sup>And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm *shall be* uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. <sup>8</sup>And, behold, I will lay bands on you, and you shall not turn yourself from one side to another until you have ended the days of your siege. <sup>9</sup>Take also to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of them for yourself. *According* to the number of the

days that you shall lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat of it. <sup>10</sup>And your food which you shall eat *shall be* by weight twenty shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it. <sup>11</sup>You shall also drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink. <sup>12</sup>And you shall eat it *as* barley cakes, and you shall bake it with dung that comes out of man, in their sight. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said, Even so shall the sons of Israel eat their defiled bread among the nations, where I will drive them. <sup>14</sup>Then I said, Ah Lord God! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. For from my youth up, even till now, I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither did there come any unclean flesh into my mouth. <sup>15</sup>Then He said to me, Lo, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread with it. <sup>16</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem. And they shall eat bread by weight, and with care. And they shall drink water by measure, and in silence, <sup>17</sup>so that they may lack bread and water, and be stricken dumb with one another, and waste away in their iniquity.

### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And you, son of man, take a sharp sword to yourself, take a barber's razor also, and cause *it* to pass on your head and on your beard. Then take scales to weigh, and divide the hair. <sup>2</sup>You shall burn a third part with fire in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part *and* beat around it with a sword; and you shall scatter a third part in the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. <sup>3</sup>Also you shall take a few of them in number, and tie them up in your skirts. <sup>4</sup>Then take of them again, and throw them into the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* a fire shall come forth from them into all the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>So says the Lord God: This *is* Jerusalem. I have set it in the middle of the nations, and all around her *are* the lands. <sup>6</sup>And she has changed My judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and *defiled* My laws more than the countries that are all around her; for they have rejected My judgments and My laws; they have not walked in them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore so says the Lord God: Because you multiplied more than the nations that *are* all around you, and have not walked in My laws, neither have kept My judgments, nor have done according to the judgments of the nations all around you; <sup>8</sup>therefore so says the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, *am* against you, and will carry out judgments in your midst before the nations. <sup>9</sup>And I will do in you that which I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. <sup>10</sup>So the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst, and the sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments in you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into all the winds. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, *as* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also withdraw; nor shall My eye spare *you*, nor will I have any pity.

<sup>12</sup>A third part of you shall die with the plague, and shall be consumed with the famine in your midst. And a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. <sup>13</sup>So My anger shall be fulfilled, and I will cause My fury to rest on them, and I will be comforted. And they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in My zeal, when I have fulfilled My fury in them. <sup>14</sup>And I will make you a waste and a curse among the nations that *are* all around you, in the sight of all who pass by. <sup>15</sup>So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an example and a wonder to the nations which *are* all around you, when I shall execute judgments against you in anger and in fury and in rebukes. *among* them. I the LORD have spoken it. <sup>16</sup>When I

shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* ruin, which I will send to destroy you; even I will increase the famine on you, and break your staff of bread; <sup>17</sup>yea, I will send on you famine and evil beasts, and you will be bereaved. And pestilence and blood shall pass among you; and I shall bring a sword on you. I the LORD have spoken.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them. <sup>3</sup>And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God. So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. <sup>4</sup>And your altars shall be wasted, and your pillars shall be broken. And I will make fall your slain before your idols. <sup>5</sup>And I will put the dead bodies of the sons of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars. <sup>6</sup>In all the places where you live, cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be deserted; so that your altars may be laid waste and become guilty, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your pillars may be cut down, and your works wiped out. <sup>7</sup>And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Yet I will leave a reminder that may be *left* to you some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the lands. <sup>9</sup>And those of you who escape shall remember Me among the nations where they shall be made captives, because I was broken by their whoring heart which has departed from Me, and with their whoring eyes which go after their idols. And they shall despise themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. <sup>10</sup>And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain to do this evil to them.

<sup>11</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Strike with your hand and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. <sup>12</sup>He who is afar off shall die of the plague; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is under siege shall die by the famine. So I will fulfill My fury on them. <sup>13</sup>Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when their dead shall be among their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every leafy oak, the place where they offered sweet aroma to all their idols. <sup>14</sup>And I will stretch out My hand on them and make the land a waste, even more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all the places where they live; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>And you, son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come on the four corners of the land. <sup>3</sup>And the end *has come* on you, and I will send My anger on you and will judge you according to your ways, and will lay on you all your abominations. <sup>4</sup>And My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity. But I will repay your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in your midst; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: An evil: Behold, an only evil has come! <sup>6</sup>An end has come, the end has come. It awakes against you; behold, it has come. <sup>7</sup>The encirclement has come to you, O dwellers of the land. The time has come, the day of tumult is near, and not a shout of the mountains. <sup>8</sup>And I will soon pour out My fury on you, and fulfill My anger on you. And I will judge you according to your ways, and will repay you for all your abominations. <sup>9</sup>And My eye shall not

spare, neither will I have pity; I will repay you according to your ways and your abominations that *are* in your midst. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD who strikes.

<sup>10</sup>Behold the day! Behold, it has come; the encirclement has gone out; the rod has blossomed; pride has budded. <sup>11</sup>Violence has risen up for a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their riches; nor *shall there be* weeping for them. <sup>12</sup>The time has come; the day has arrived. Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath *is* on all her multitude. <sup>13</sup>For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they are still alive; for the vision *is* to all her multitude, and a man shall not return to his iniquity; his life shall not hold strong. <sup>14</sup>They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goes to the battle, for My wrath *is* on all her multitude. <sup>15</sup>The sword *is* outside, and the plague and the famine inside. He who *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he in the city shall be devoured by famine and plague.

<sup>16</sup>But *if* their fugitives shall escape, then *they* shall be like doves of the valleys on the mountains, all of them mourning, each one for his iniquity. <sup>17</sup>All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. <sup>18</sup>They shall also gird on sackcloth, and trembling shall cover them; and shame *shall be* on all faces, and baldness on all heads. <sup>19</sup>They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be an impure thing. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because their iniquity has become a stumbling-block for *them*. <sup>20</sup>And the beauty of His ornament, He set it in majesty. But they made the images of their abominations *and* of their hateful things in it; therefore I have put it to them as an impure thing. <sup>21</sup>And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prize, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall defile it. <sup>22</sup>I will also turn My face from them, and they shall defile My secret *place*; and violent ones shall enter into it and defile it.

<sup>23</sup>Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody judgments, and the city is full of violence. <sup>24</sup>And I will bring the evil of the nations, and they shall possess their houses. I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. <sup>25</sup>Ruin comes; and they shall seek peace, but none *shall be*. <sup>26</sup>Disaster on disaster shall come, and rumor to rumor shall be. And they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and wisdom from the elders. <sup>27</sup>The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled. I will do to them according to their way, and according to their judgments I will judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house, and the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell on me there. <sup>2</sup>And I looked, and behold! A likeness as the look of fire; from the appearance of His loins and downward, *like* fire. And from his loins and upward as the look of brightness, like the color of polished bronze. <sup>3</sup>And He put out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there *was* a seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. <sup>4</sup>And, behold! The glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

<sup>5</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar *the* image of jealousy was at the entrance. <sup>6</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they do; even the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? But turn again, *and* you shall see greater abominations. <sup>7</sup>And He brought me to the opening of the court; and I looked, and behold, a hole in the wall. <sup>8</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, dig in the wall now. And I dug in the wall, and, behold, an opening. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me. Go in and see the evil abominations that they do here. <sup>10</sup>And I went in and saw. And behold, every kind of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around. <sup>11</sup>And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, standing among them, *these* were before them, and each man with his censor in his hand. And the odor of the cloud of incense *was* rising. <sup>12</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, each man in his image room? For they are saying, The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He also said to me, You turn again, *and* you shall see greater evils that they are doing. <sup>14</sup>And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the LORD's house, toward the north. And behold, women were sitting there, weeping for Tammuz. <sup>15</sup>And He said to me, Have you seen, O son of man? Turn yet again, *and* you shall see greater evils than these. <sup>16</sup>And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and behold, at the opening of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men *with* their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and they bowed themselves eastward to the sun. <sup>17</sup>And He said to me, Have you seen, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they do the hateful things which they do here? For they have filled the land *with* violence and have turned to provoke Me to anger. And lo, they put the branch to their nose. <sup>18</sup>And I will also deal with fury; My eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they cry in My ears *with* a loud voice, I will not hear them.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And He cried in my ears *with* a loud voice, saying, Let the overseers of the city draw near, even each *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And behold, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate which faces north, and each *had* his shattering weapon in his hand. And one man among them was clothed with linen, and a writer's inkhorn by his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. <sup>3</sup>And the glory of the God of Israel had gone on from the cherub, where it was on it, to the threshold of the house. And He called to the man clothed in linen, *with* the writer's inkhorn by his side. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, Go through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men who are groaning and are mourning because of all the abominations that are done in her midst. <sup>5</sup>And He said to those in my hearing, Go over in the city after him, and strike. Let not your eye spare, nor have pity. <sup>6</sup>Fully destroy old men, young men and virgins, and little children and women. But do not come near any man on whom is the mark. And begin at My sanctuary. And they began at the old men who *were* before the house. <sup>7</sup>And He said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts *with* the slain. Go out! And they went out and killed in the city.

<sup>8</sup>And it happened as they were slaying them, and I remained, then I fell on my face and cried, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury on Jerusalem? <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, The

iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is great, and the land is full of blood, and the city is full of perversity. For they say, The LORD has forsaken the land; and, the LORD does not see. <sup>10</sup>And even I, My eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity, *but* I will put their way on their head. <sup>11</sup>And behold, the man clothed with linen, *with* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You have commanded me.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And I looked, and behold! In the expanse over the head of the cherubs appeared the look of the form of a throne, like a sapphire stone, above them. <sup>2</sup>And He spoke to the man clothed *with* linen, and said, Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubs, and scatter *them* on the city. And he went in before me. <sup>3</sup>And the cherubs were standing on the right side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. <sup>4</sup>And the glory of the LORD rose from the cherub, over the threshold of the house. And the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. <sup>5</sup>And the sound of the cherubs' wings was heard over the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when He speaks. <sup>6</sup>And it happened when He had commanded the man clothed *with* linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubs; he went in then and stood beside the wheels. <sup>7</sup>And a cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubs to the fire that *was* between the cherubs, and he lifted it and put *it* into the hands of the one clothed *with* linen. And he took *it* and went out.

<sup>8</sup>And the form of a man's hand was seen under the wings of the cherubs. <sup>9</sup>And I looked, and behold, the four wheels *were* beside the cherubs, one wheel was by one cherub, and another wheel by one cherub; and the wheels looked like the color of a stone of Tarshish. <sup>10</sup>And their appearance *was* as one, the four of them, as if the wheel were in the midst of the wheel. <sup>11</sup>When they went, they went on their four sides. They did not turn as they went, for *to* the place where the head faces, after it they went. They did not turn as they went. <sup>12</sup>And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes all around, even their wheels that the four of them had. <sup>13</sup>As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, Whirling wheel! <sup>14</sup>And four faces *were* to each one. The first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. <sup>15</sup>And the cherubs rose up. *This is* the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

<sup>16</sup>And when the cherubs went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubs lifted their wings to soar from the earth, the wheels did not turn from beside them, even they. <sup>17</sup>When they stood still, *these* stood still, and when they rose up, *these* lifted up. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in them. <sup>18</sup>And the glory of the LORD went from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubs. <sup>19</sup>And the cherubs lifted up their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them. And he stood at the door of the eastern gate of the LORD's house. And the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them from above. <sup>20</sup>*This is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar, and I knew that they *were* cherubs. <sup>21</sup>Four, *even* four faces *are* to each; and four wings to each. And the form of a man's hands *was* under their wings. <sup>22</sup>And the form of their faces, they *are* the faces that I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances even theirs. They each went straight forward.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of the LORD's house, which faces eastward. And behold, twenty-five men *were* at the opening

of the gate; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, rulers of the people. <sup>2</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, these *are* the men who plot evil and give wicked advice in this city; <sup>3</sup>who say, *It is* not near; let us build houses; this *city is* the pot, and we are the flesh.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, O son of man! <sup>5</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD fell on me, and said to me, Speak: So says the LORD: So you have said, O house of Israel. For I know the things that come into your mind, *every one* of them. <sup>6</sup>You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled its streets *with* the dead. <sup>7</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Your slain whom you have laid in her midst, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the pot. But I will bring you out of her midst. <sup>8</sup>You have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword on you, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>9</sup>And I will bring you out of her midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments on you. <sup>10</sup>You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you in the border of Israel, and you shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>11</sup>This *city* shall not be your pot, nor shall you be the flesh in her midst. *But* I will judge you in the border of Israel, <sup>12</sup>and you shall know that *I am* the LORD. For you have not walked in My statutes, nor have you done My judgments, but have done after the customs of the nations all around you.

<sup>13</sup>And it happened when I prophesied, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. And I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel? <sup>14</sup>Again the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>15</sup>Son of man, your brothers, *even* your brothers, the men of your redemption, and all the house of Israel, of all that have *heard* the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying to all of them, Go far away from Jehovah; this land is given to us for a possession. <sup>16</sup>Therefore say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Though I have sent them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the lands, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the lands where they had gone. <sup>17</sup>Therefore say, So says the Lord Jehovah: I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the lands, in those where you were scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its hateful things and all its abominations from it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup>so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. <sup>21</sup>And *as to those whose* heart is going *after* their hateful things, and their heart is going *after* their disgusting idols, I will give their way on their own heads, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>22</sup>And the cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. <sup>23</sup>And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city. <sup>24</sup>And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. And the vision that I had seen went up from me. <sup>25</sup>And I spoke to the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see and see not. *They* have ears to hear and hear not, for they *are* a rebellious house. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself vessels for exile, and go into exile by day before their eyes. And you shall be exiled from your place to another place before their eyes. It may be they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house. <sup>4</sup>And you shall bring out your vessels, as vessels for exile, by day before their eyes. And you shall go out at



evening before their eyes, as those going into exile. <sup>5</sup>Dig through the wall before their eyes, and carry out through it. <sup>6</sup>Before their eyes you shall carry it on your shoulders, *and* carry it out in the dark. You shall cover your face so that you do not see the ground, for I have set you *as* a sign to the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And I did as I was commanded. I brought out my vessel, as vessels for exile. And in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought *it* out in the dark, and I carried *it* on *my* shoulder before their eyes.

<sup>8</sup>And in the morning the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing? <sup>10</sup>Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: This burden *concerns* the king in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who *are* among them. <sup>11</sup>Say, I *am* your sign: As I have done, so it shall be done to them. They shall go into exile. <sup>12</sup>And the king who *is* among them shall carry burdens on *his* shoulder *in* the dark, and shall go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry out by it. He shall hide his face so that he does not see the ground with *his* eyes. <sup>13</sup>I will also spread My net on him, and He shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans. Yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there. <sup>14</sup>And I will scatter to every wind all who *are* around him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. <sup>15</sup>And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations and scatter them in the countries. <sup>16</sup>But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the plague, so that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they come. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>Son of man, eat your bread with quaking and drink your water with trembling and anxiety. <sup>19</sup>And say to the people of the land: So says the Lord Jehovah of the people of Jerusalem *and* of the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, so that her land may be desolated of her fullness, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. <sup>20</sup>And the cities that have people shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>22</sup>Son of man, what *is* this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days will go on and every vision shall fail? <sup>23</sup>Therefore tell them, So says the Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel. But say to them, The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision. <sup>24</sup>For there shall never again be any vain vision nor slippery divination within the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup>For I, the LORD, will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be done. It shall no more be delayed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and will do it, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>26</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>27</sup>Son of man, behold, the house of Israel says, The vision that he sees *is* for many days *to come*, and he prophesies of the times *that are* far off. <sup>28</sup>Therefore say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: There shall none of my words be delayed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. And say to those who prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear the word of the Lord: <sup>3</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! <sup>4</sup>O Israel, your prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. <sup>5</sup>You have not gone up into the breaks, nor built the wall for the house of Israel, that it might stand in the battle

in the day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD says. And the LORD has not sent them; but they hoped to confirm *their* word. <sup>7</sup>Did you not see a vain vision, and speak a lying divination? Yet *you* say, The LORD says; although I have not spoken? <sup>8</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have spoken vanity and seen a lie, therefore, behold, *I am* against you, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>9</sup>And My hand shall be against the prophets who see vanity and who divine a lie. They shall not be in the council of My people, nor shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that *I am* the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>10</sup>Because, even because they made My people go astray, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and he builds a wall, and lo, *others* daubed it *with* lime. <sup>11</sup>Say to those who daub it *with* lime, yes, it shall fall; there will be a flooding rain; and you, O hailstones, shall fall, and a stormy wind will break. <sup>12</sup>And, behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where *is* the daubing with which you have daubed? <sup>13</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: I will even break *it* with a stormy wind in My fury. And there shall be an flooding rain in My anger, and hailstones in fury to destroy *it*. <sup>14</sup>And I will break down the wall that you have daubed *with* lime, and touch it to the ground; yea, I will bare its base. And it shall fall, and you shall be destroyed in her midst; and you shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And I will fulfill My wrath on the wall and on those who daubed it *with* lime. And I will say to you, The wall *is* no more; and, Those who daubed *are* no more; <sup>16</sup>the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, says the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart. And prophesy against them, <sup>18</sup>and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Woe to those sewing bands to all joints of my hands, and make long veils for the head of every *man* of stature, to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save alive the souls for yourselves? <sup>19</sup>And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls that should not die; and to save alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies. <sup>20</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, *I am* against your bands with which you are hunting the souls there, to make *them* fly. And I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, the souls which you are hunting, to make *them* fly. <sup>21</sup>Also I will tear your long veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no more be in your hand to be hunted. And you shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>22</sup>Because *with* lies you have saddened the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and have made the hands of the wicked strong, so that he should not turn from his wicked way, by promising him life; <sup>23</sup>therefore you shall not see vanity, and you shall not divine any divination. and I will deliver My people out of your hands; and you shall know that *I am* the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And some of the elders of Israel *came* to me and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>3</sup>Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face. Should I at all be inquired of by them? <sup>4</sup>Therefore speak to them, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him in it by the host of his idols; <sup>5</sup>so that I may capture the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are estranged from Me by their idols, all of them.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Repent and turn from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations. <sup>7</sup>For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who lives in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to ask of him concerning Me; I the LORD will answer him Myself. <sup>8</sup>And I will set My face against that man, and I will make him desolate for a sign and for proverbs. And I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>And the prophet, if he is deceived, and he speaks a word, I the LORD have deceived that prophet. And I will stretch out My hand on him and will destroy him in the midst of My people Israel. <sup>10</sup>And they shall bear their iniquity. As the iniquity of the inquirer, so the iniquity of the prophet shall be. <sup>11</sup>So that the house of Israel may never again go astray from Me, nor be defiled again with all their transgressions, but they are to Me My people, and I will be to them for God, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>12</sup>The word of the LORD *came* again to me, saying, <sup>13</sup>Son of man, when a land sins against Me by traitorous betraying, then I will stretch out My hand on it, and will break the staff of its bread, and will send famine on it, and will cut off man and beast from it. <sup>14</sup>And though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>15</sup>If I cause destroying beasts to come through the land, and they spoil it so that it is deserted, so that no one may pass through because of the beasts, <sup>16</sup>*though* these three men were in it, *as* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters. They only shall be delivered, but the land shall be deserted.

<sup>17</sup>Or *if* I bring a sword on that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it; <sup>18</sup>*though* these three men were in it, *as* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

<sup>19</sup>Or *if* I send a plague into that land, and pour out My fury on it in blood, to cut off man and beast from it; <sup>20</sup>*though* Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, *as* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter. They shall *only* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: How much more when I send My four evil judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the destroying beast, and the plague, to cut off man and beast from it. <sup>22</sup>Yet, behold, there shall be left a remnant in it that shall be brought out, sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their doings. And you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I brought on Jerusalem, *for* all that I have brought on it. <sup>23</sup>And they shall comfort you when you see their way and their doings. And you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, how is the vine tree more than any *other* tree, or *than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest? <sup>3</sup>Shall wood be taken from it to do work? Or will *men* take from it *for* a peg to hang any vessel on it? <sup>4</sup>Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devours both its ends, and its middle is charred. Is it fit for any work? <sup>5</sup>Behold,

when it was whole, it was not made for work. How much less when the fire has devoured it, and it is charred? Shall it yet be made to work?

<sup>6</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah, As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give the people of Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>And I will set My face against them; they shall go out from the fire, and the fire shall devour them. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD when I set My face against them. <sup>8</sup>And I will make the land to be desolate, because they have committed a treacherous act, says the Lord Jehovah.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>Again the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. <sup>3</sup>And say, So says the Lord Jehovah to Jerusalem, Your origin and your birth *is* of the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite. <sup>4</sup>And as for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse *you*. And you were not salted, nor swaddled at all. <sup>5</sup>No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown out into the open field, because your life was despised in the day that you were born. <sup>6</sup>And *when* I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you in your blood, Live!

<sup>7</sup>I have caused you to multiply like the bud of the field, and you are grown, and you are great; and you come *in* the finest ornaments. *Your* breasts are formed, and hair is grown, yet you *were* naked and bare. <sup>8</sup>And I passed by you and looked on you, and, behold, your time *was* the time of love. And I spread my skirt over you and covered your nakedness. And I swore to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord Jehovah. And you became Mine. <sup>9</sup>And I washed you with water; I washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. <sup>10</sup>I also clothed you *with* embroidered work, and I shod you *with* dugong sandals. And I wrapped you *in* fine linen, and I covered you *with* silk. <sup>11</sup>And I adorned you *with* ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands and a chain on your neck. <sup>12</sup>And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. <sup>13</sup>And you were adorned with gold and silver; and your clothing *was* of fine linen and silk and embroidered work. You ate fine flour and honey and oil; and you were exceedingly beautiful. And you advanced to regal estate. <sup>14</sup>And your name went out among the nations, because of your beauty; for it was perfect in My beauty, which I had put on you, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>15</sup>But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot because of your name, and poured out your fornications on all who passed by; it was his. <sup>16</sup>And you took from your clothes and adorned your high places with different colors, and played the harlot on them, *such as* had not come, nor shall be. <sup>17</sup>And you have taken beautiful things of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made images of males, and played the harlot with them. <sup>18</sup>And you took your embroidered dresses and covered them, and you have given to their face My oil and My incense. <sup>19</sup>Also My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey *with which* I fed you, you have given it to their face for a soothing aroma. And it happened, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>20</sup>And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and you gave these to them for food. *Are* your fornications small? <sup>21</sup>You have slaughtered My sons and gave them to cause these to pass through *the fire* for them.

<sup>22</sup>And *in* all your hateful deeds and your fornications you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, *and* squirming in your blood. <sup>23</sup>Woe, woe to you says the Lord Jehovah! *For* it happened after all your

evil, <sup>24</sup>that you have also built yourself a mound, and you have made yourself a high place in every street. <sup>25</sup>You have built your high place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and have multiplied your fornications. <sup>26</sup>You have also whored with the Egyptians, your neighbors great of flesh, and have multiplied your fornications to provoke Me to anger. <sup>27</sup>And, behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over you, and drew back your portion. And I gave you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way. <sup>28</sup>You have whored with the Assyrians, without your being satisfied; yea, you whored and yet you were not satisfied. <sup>29</sup>And your whoredom is idolatry in the land of Canaan, to the Chaldean, and yet you were not satisfied with this.

<sup>30</sup>How weak is your heart, says the Lord Jehovah, since you do all these, the work of a woman, an overbearing harlot; <sup>31</sup>in that you build your mound at the head of every way, and make your high place in every street. Yet you have not been as a harlot, scorning wages. <sup>32</sup>Like the adulterous wife — instead of her husband, she takes strangers — <sup>33</sup>They give a gift to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them to come to you from all around, for your fornication. <sup>34</sup>And in you was the opposite from those women in your fornications, since no one whores after you, and in your giving wages, and hire is not given to you. In this you are opposite.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>36</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness was bared in your fornications with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your sons whom you gave to them; <sup>37</sup>behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have been pleased, even all whom you loved, with all whom you have hated; I will even gather them against you from all around, and will uncover your nakedness to them, and they will see all your nakedness. <sup>38</sup>And I will judge you with judgments of adulteresses, and with shedders of blood. And I will give you blood and fury and jealousy. <sup>39</sup>And I will also give you into their hand, and they will tear down your mound, and will demolish your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes, and shall take your beautiful things, and leave you naked and bare. <sup>40</sup>They shall also raise a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and cut you with their swords. <sup>41</sup>And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. And I will make you stop whoring; and also, you shall not give hire again. <sup>42</sup>And I will make My fury to rest against you, and My jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet and will be angry no more. <sup>43</sup>Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have troubled Me in all these things; so, behold, I will also repay your way on your head, says the Lord Jehovah. And you shall not commit this wickedness above all your abominations.

<sup>44</sup>Behold, all who use proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, As the mother, so is her daughter. <sup>45</sup>You are your mother's daughter, who despises her husband and her sons. And you are the sister of your sisters, who despise their husbands and their sons. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an Amorite. <sup>46</sup>And your older sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand. And your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. <sup>47</sup>Yet you have not walked according to their ways, nor done according to their hateful deeds; but, as if it were a very little thing, you were corrupted more than they were in all your ways. <sup>48</sup>As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, Sodom your sister, she nor her daughters, has not done as you have done, you and your daughters. <sup>49</sup>Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom; pride.

Fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters. Nor did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. <sup>50</sup>And they were haughty and did abominable things before Me. So I took them away as I saw fit. <sup>51</sup>Nor has Samaria sinned *as much as half* your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done. <sup>52</sup>You also, who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins which you have committed more abominable than they. They are more righteous than you! Yes, blush and bear your shame, since you have justified your sisters. <sup>53</sup>When I shall return their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *also* the captivity of your captivity in their midst; <sup>54</sup>that you may bear your shame, and blush in all that you have done, since you are a comfort to them. <sup>55</sup>When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former state, then you and your daughters shall return to your former state. <sup>56</sup>For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride, <sup>57</sup>before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of *your* reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all her neighbors, the daughters of the Philistines who hated you from all around. <sup>58</sup>You *are* bearing your wickedness and your abominations, says the LORD. <sup>59</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: I will even deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

<sup>60</sup>But I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant. <sup>61</sup>And you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your older and your younger. And I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant. <sup>62</sup>And I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD; <sup>63</sup>so that you may remember and be ashamed; and never open your mouth any more because of your shame; in that I have received an atonement for all that you have done, says the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, put out a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: A great eagle *with* great wings, long of pinion, full of feathers, who had different colors, came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. <sup>4</sup>He plucked off the top of its young twigs and carried it into a land of traders. He set it in a city of merchants. <sup>5</sup>He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field. He placed *it* by great waters *and* set it *as* a willow tree. <sup>6</sup>And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him. And its roots were under him. So it became a vine and brought out branches and shot out sprigs. <sup>7</sup>There was also another great eagle *with* great wings and many feathers. And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and shot out its branches toward him, that he might water it, away from the beds of its planting. <sup>8</sup>It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring out branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a splendid vine. <sup>9</sup>Say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, and wither it? All the leaves of its sprouting shall wither, and not with great arm, nor by many people *shall any* raise it by its roots. <sup>10</sup>And behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds *where* it sprouted.

<sup>11</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>12</sup>Say now to the rebellious house: Do you not know what these *things* mean? Tell them, Behold, the king of

Babylon has come to Jerusalem and has taken its king and its rulers, and brings them to himself to Babylon. <sup>13</sup>And he has taken of the king's seed and has made a covenant with him, and has taken an oath from him. He has also taken the mighty of the land, <sup>14</sup>so that the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. <sup>15</sup>But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he be blessed? Shall he who does such *things* escape? Or shall he break the covenant and be delivered? <sup>16</sup>As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely in the place of the king who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. <sup>17</sup>Nor shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company work for him in the war, by pouring out siege mounds and building forts, to cut off many persons. <sup>18</sup>And he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant. And, behold, he had given his hand, and has done all these, he shall not escape.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, I will even repay it on his own head. <sup>20</sup>And I will spread My net on him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and I will judge him there with his sin which he has sinned against Me. <sup>21</sup>And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward all winds. And you shall know that I the LORD have spoken.

<sup>22</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: I will also take of the highest branch of the highest cedar and will set it; I will crop off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>In a mountain, in a high place of Israel, I will plant it. And it shall bear boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. And under it shall dwell every bird of every wing; in the shadow of its branches they shall dwell. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish. I the LORD have spoken and acted.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD *came* to me again, saying, <sup>2</sup>What is it to you that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the sons's teeth are dull? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, to you there is no longer *any occasion* to use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son is Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

<sup>5</sup>But a man that is just and does what just and right, <sup>6</sup>and has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has come near a menstruating woman, <sup>7</sup>and has not ill-treated any, but has given the debtor's pledge back to him, has robbed none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked *with* a garment; <sup>8</sup>he has not given out on usury, nor has taken any increase, he has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has done judgment between man and man, <sup>9</sup>has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments to deal truly — he shall surely live, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>10</sup>And if he fathers a son *who is violent*, who sheds blood, and who does to a brother *any* of these; <sup>11</sup>even he does not *any* of these; but has even eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife; <sup>12</sup>has ill-treated the poor and needy; thieving, he stole; has not given back the pledge; and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; has committed abomination; <sup>13</sup>has loaned on usury; and has taken

increase; shall he then live? He shall not live! He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

<sup>14</sup>And, lo, if he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do like him; <sup>15</sup>who has not eaten on the mountains; nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; has not defiled his neighbor's wife; <sup>16</sup>nor has ill-treated any; has not withheld the pledge; nor has robbed by violence; but has given his bread to the hungry; and has covered the naked *with* clothes; <sup>17</sup>has withdrawn his hand from the poor; has not received usury nor increase; has done My judgments; has walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live. <sup>18</sup>His father, because he extorted, robbed *his* brother by violence, and did what is not good among his people; lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

<sup>19</sup>Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done justice and right, has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. <sup>20</sup>The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him. <sup>21</sup>But if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>22</sup>All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

<sup>23</sup>Do I actually desire the death of the wicked? says the Lord Jehovah. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live? <sup>24</sup>But when the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, *and* does according to all the abominations that the wicked do, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, The way of the LORD is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way fair? Are your ways not unfair? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous one turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done, he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turns away from his wickedness that he has committed and does that which is lawful and righteous, he shall save his soul alive. <sup>28</sup>Because he looks carefully, and turns away from all his sins that he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet says the house of Israel: The way of the LORD is not fair. O house of Israel, are not My ways fair? Are not your ways unfair? <sup>30</sup>So I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one of you according to his ways, says the Lord Jehovah. Turn and be made to turn from all your sins; and iniquity shall not be your stumbling-block. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all your sins by which you have sinned; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord Jehovah. Therefore turn and live.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And take up a weeping for the rulers of Israel, <sup>2</sup>and say: What is your mother? A lioness. She lay down among lions; she multiplied her cubs among young lions. <sup>3</sup>And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a strong lion and learned to tear the prey. It ate men. <sup>4</sup>The nations also heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And when she saw that she had waited *and* that her hope was lost, she took another of her cubs *and* made him a strong lion. <sup>6</sup>And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion and learned to tear the prey, *and* ate men. <sup>7</sup>And he knew his widows, and he laid their cities waste, and the land and its fullness was desolated, from the sound



of his roaring. <sup>8</sup>And the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him. He was taken in their pit. <sup>9</sup>And they put him in a cage in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into hunting nets, so that his voice should never again be heard on the mountains of Israel.

<sup>10</sup>Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters. <sup>11</sup>And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches; and it was seen in her height, with the multitude of her branches. <sup>12</sup>But she was plucked up in fury; she was thrown down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire burned them up. <sup>13</sup>And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. <sup>14</sup>And fire has gone out from a rod of her branches, *which* has licked up her fruit so that there is no strong rod in her *to be* a scepter to rule. This *is* a mourning and shall be for a mourning.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth of the month, some of the elders of Israel came to ask of the LORD, and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>And came the word of the LORD to me, saying, <sup>3</sup>Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Have you come to ask of Me? *As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. <sup>4</sup>Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers.

<sup>5</sup>And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day that I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt; when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, *I am* the LORD your God; <sup>6</sup>in the day that I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing *with* milk and honey, *which is* the glory of all lands; <sup>7</sup>then I said to them, Let each man throw away the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. *I am* the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup>But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me. They did not each man throw away the abominations of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. And I said, I will pour out My fury against them to fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations among whom they *were*, *for* I made Myself known to them in their eyes, by bringing them out out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>10</sup>And I caused them to go out out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. <sup>11</sup>And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, *which if* a man do, he shall even live in them. <sup>12</sup>And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that *they* might know that *I am* the LORD who sets them apart. <sup>13</sup>But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, *which if* a man does, he shall even live in them. And they greatly profaned My sabbaths. And I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness to destroy them. <sup>14</sup>But I worked for My name's sake, so that it should not be profaned before the nations in whose sight I brought them out. <sup>15</sup>And also I lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that *I* would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing *with* milk and honey; *it is* the glory of all lands; <sup>16</sup>because they despised My judgments and walked not in My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. <sup>17</sup>But My eye spared them from destroying them, nor did I make an

end of them in the wilderness. <sup>18</sup>But I said to their sons in the wilderness, Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols. <sup>19</sup>*I am* the LORD your God. Walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them, <sup>20</sup>and keep My sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that *you* may know that *I am* the LORD your God.

<sup>21</sup>But the sons rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My statutes, nor kept My judgments to do them; the judgments which, *if* a man do, he shall even live in them. And I said *I* would pour out My fury on them, to fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. <sup>22</sup>But I withdrew My hand and worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, from whom I brought them out. <sup>23</sup>I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations and scatter them through the lands, <sup>24</sup>because they had not done My judgments, but had despised My sabbaths and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. <sup>25</sup>Also I gave them statutes not good, and judgments by which they should not live. <sup>26</sup>And I defiled them in their own gifts, in that they caused all that open the womb to pass through *the fire*, that I might waste them, to the end that they might know that *I am* the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a sin against Me. <sup>28</sup>When I had brought them into the land *for* which I lifted up My hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered their sacrifices there. And there they offered their provoking gifts. There also they made their sweet aroma, and poured out their drink offerings there. <sup>29</sup>And I said to them, What *is* the high place to which you go? And the name of it is called High Place to this day. <sup>30</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Are you defiled in the same way as your fathers? And do you go whoring after their abominations? <sup>31</sup>For when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to *this* day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. <sup>32</sup>And what comes up on your spirit shall not happen at all, that you say, We will be like the nations, like the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

<sup>33</sup>*As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. <sup>34</sup>And I will bring you out from the people, and I will gather you out of the lands in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm and with fury poured out. <sup>35</sup>And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. <sup>36</sup>Just as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>37</sup>And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. <sup>38</sup>And I will purge out from among you the rebels and those who sin against Me. I will bring them out from the land where they reside, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that *I am* the LORD.

<sup>39</sup>And you, O house of Israel, so says the Lord Jehovah: *Every* man go and serve his idols, and do so from now on if you will not listen to Me. But never again defile My holy name with your gifts and with your idols. <sup>40</sup>For in My holy mountain, in the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah, there all the house of Israel, all of those in the land, shall serve Me. There will I receive them, and there will I ask for your offerings and the first fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things. <sup>41</sup>I will receive you with your sweet aroma when I bring you out from the

people and gather you out of the lands into which you have been scattered. And I will be sanctified in you in the eyes of the nations. <sup>42</sup>And you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the land for which I lifted up My hand, to give it to your fathers. <sup>43</sup>And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings in which you have been defiled. And you shall despise yourselves in your own sight for all your evils which you have committed. <sup>44</sup>And you shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have worked with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>45</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>46</sup>Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop *a word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field. <sup>47</sup>And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD. So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall burn up every green tree in you, and every dry tree. The flaming flame shall not be put out, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned in it. <sup>48</sup>And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it. It shall not be put out. <sup>49</sup>And I said, Ah Lord Jehovah! They say of me, Does he not speak parables?

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and drop *a word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And say to the land of Israel, So says the LORD: Behold, I *am* against you, and will draw out My sword out of its sheath and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. <sup>4</sup>Since then I will cut off the righteous and the wicked from you, therefore My sword shall be drawn from its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north, <sup>5</sup>so that all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn out My sword from its sheath. It shall not return any more. <sup>6</sup>And you, son of man, groan with the breaking of your loins; and grown with bitterness before their eyes. <sup>7</sup>And it will be when they say to you, Why do you groan? You shall answer, Because of the news. Because it is coming; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water. Behold, it comes, and it shall be, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the LORD. Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened and also polished. <sup>10</sup>It is sharpened in order to slaughter; it is polished so that there may be a flash to it. Or shall we rejoice? You are despising the rod of My son, *as if it were* every tree. <sup>11</sup>And He has given it to be polished, to be taken by the hand. The sword, it is sharpened to give it into the hand of the slayer. <sup>12</sup>Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be on My people; it *shall be* on all the rulers of Israel. They are thrown to the sword with My people; Therefore slap your thigh. <sup>13</sup>Because *it is* a trial, and what if even the despising rod shall not be? says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>14</sup>And you, son of man, prophesy and strike your hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain. *It is* the sword of the slain, the great one that surrounds them; <sup>15</sup>so that *their* heart may melt, and many stumble at all their gates. I have given the threatening sword. Ah! It is made like lightning; it is wrapped for a slaughter. <sup>16</sup>Sharpen yourself on the right! Set yourself on the left, wherever your face is set. <sup>17</sup>And also I, I will also strike My hands together, and I will cause My fury to rest. I the LORD have spoken.

<sup>18</sup>The word of the LORD *came* to me again, saying, <sup>19</sup>And you, son of man, set for yourself two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come. Both of them shall come out of one land. And create a hand at the head of the way to the city; create it. <sup>20</sup>You shall set a way that the sword may enter *into* Rabbah of the

Ammonites, and into Judah, into fortified Jerusalem. <sup>21</sup>For the king of Babylon shall stand at the parting of the way, at the head of the two highways, to practice divination. He shall shake arrows; he shall ask household idols; he shall look at the liver. <sup>22</sup>At his right shall be the divining for Jerusalem, to set battering-rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering-rams against the gates, to pour out and to build a siege wall. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be to them an empty divining before their eyes, those who have sworn oaths to them. But He will remember iniquity, that they may be taken. <sup>24</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, in that your sins are revealed in all your deeds; because you have been remembered, you shall be taken with the hand. <sup>25</sup>And you, O slain, wicked king of Israel, of whom has come his day in the time of of iniquity of the end. <sup>26</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Remove the diadem, and take off the crown. This *shall not be as it was*. Lift up the low one, and put down the high one. <sup>27</sup>Ruin, ruin, ruin, I will appoint it. Also this shall not be until the coming of Him whose is the right. And I will give it to *Him*.

<sup>28</sup>And you, son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their shame. Even say: The sword, the sword is drawn, polished for slaughter to make an end, that *it may be* like lightning; <sup>29</sup>while they see false visions for you, while they divine a lie to you, to put you on the necks of the slain of the wicked whose day has come in the day of iniquity; *it shall* have an end. <sup>30</sup>Return it to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you. <sup>31</sup>And I will pour out My disgust on you; with the fire of My wrath I will blow against you, and give you into the hand of burning men, able to destroy. <sup>32</sup>You shall be for food to the fire. Your blood shall be in the midst of the land. You shall be remembered no more; for I the LORD have spoken.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? And you shall make her know all her abominations. <sup>3</sup>And you shall say, So says the Lord Jehovah: The city sheds blood in her midst that her time may come, and makes idols against herself to defile *herself*. <sup>4</sup>You are guilty in your blood that you have shed; and you have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made. And your days are brought near, and have come to your years. Therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all lands. <sup>5</sup>*Those who are* near and those far from you shall mock against you, O defiled of name, defiled in tumult. <sup>6</sup>Behold, the rulers of Israel, each man by his might, have been in you to enter *and* shed blood. <sup>7</sup>In you they have despised father and mother. In your midst they have dealt with the stranger by oppression. In you they oppressed the orphan and the widow. <sup>8</sup>You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My sabbaths. <sup>9</sup>In you are men of slander to shed blood; and in you they eat on the mountains; in your midst they do unchaste acts. <sup>10</sup>In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled *her* defiled by impurity. <sup>11</sup>And a man has done abomination with his neighbor's wife; and a man has defiled his daughter-in-law in unchaste acts; and a man has humbled within you his sister, his father's daughter. <sup>12</sup>In you they have taken bribes to shed blood. You have taken usury and increase, and you gained by extortion of your neighbors, and you have forgotten Me, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>13</sup>And behold, I have struck My palm against your unjust gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst. <sup>14</sup>Can your heart stand,

or can your hands be strong, in the day that I shall deal with you? I the LORD have spoken, and I will act. <sup>15</sup>And I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you in the lands, and will destroy your uncleanness out of you. <sup>16</sup>And you will be profaned in you before the eyes of the nations, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me. All of them *are* bronze, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are *even* the dross of silver. <sup>19</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup>As *they* gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it to melt *it*, so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you* there and melt you. <sup>21</sup>And I will gather you and blow on you in the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in the middle of it. <sup>22</sup>As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so you shall be melted in the middle of it; and you shall know that I the LORD have poured out My fury on you.

<sup>23</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>24</sup>Son of man, say to her: You *are* a land not being cleansed, nor rained on in the day of disgust. <sup>25</sup>A plot *by* her prophets *is* in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they multiplied her many widows in her midst. <sup>26</sup>Her priests have broken My law and have defiled My holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the common, nor have they shown *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am defiled among them. <sup>27</sup>Her rulers in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood *and* to destroy souls, to get unjust gain. <sup>28</sup>And her prophets have daubed themselves *with* lime, seeing vanity and divining lies to them, saying, So says the Lord Jehovah; when the LORD has not spoken. <sup>29</sup>The people of the land have used oppression and practiced robbery, and they have troubled the poor and needy. Yea, *they* have oppressed the stranger without right. <sup>30</sup>And I sought for a man among them who should wall up a wall for the land, and stand in the break before me, that I should not destroy it. But I did not find one. <sup>31</sup>Therefore I have poured out My fury on them. I have burned them up with the fire of My wrath. I have given them *their* own way on their heads, says the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD *came* again to me, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. <sup>3</sup>And they played the harlot in Egypt; they whored in their youth, their breasts were handled, and there their virgin nipples were squeezed. <sup>4</sup>And their names *were* Aholah, the oldest, and Aholibah, her sister. And they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Samaria *is* Aholah, and Jerusalem *is* Aholibah. <sup>5</sup>And Aholah played the harlot under Me. And she lusted after her lovers, to *her* Assyrian neighbors, <sup>6</sup>clothed with purple, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding horses. <sup>7</sup>So she bestowed her harlotries on them, the choice sons of Assyria; *with* all of them, and with all whom she lusted after; she defiled herself with all their idols. <sup>8</sup>Nor did she leave her fornications from Egypt. For in her youth they lay with her, and they squeezed her virgin nipples, and poured their fornications on her. <sup>9</sup>Therefore I have given her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians on whom she lusted. <sup>10</sup>They uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters and killed her with the sword. And she became notorious among women, and they executed judgment on her.

<sup>11</sup>And her sister Aholibah saw, she was more corrupt in her lust than she, and her fornications were greater than her sister's. <sup>12</sup>She lusted to the sons of Assyria, governors and rulers clothed most perfectly; horsemen riding horses, all of them desirable young men. <sup>13</sup>And I saw that she was defiled, one way *was* to both of them. <sup>14</sup>And *that* she added to her fornications. And she saw men carved on the wall; images of the Chaldeans engraved with vermilion, <sup>15</sup>girded with girdles on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like rulers, like the sons of Babylon *in* Chaldea, the land of their birth; <sup>16</sup>and she lusted after them, to the look of her eyes, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. <sup>17</sup>And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with fornications. And she was defiled with them, and her mind was alienated from them. <sup>18</sup>So she uncovered her fornications and uncovered her nakedness. And My soul was alienated from her just as My soul was alienated from her sister. <sup>19</sup>Yet she multiplied her fornications to recall the days of her youth, in which she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>And she lusted on her lovers, whose flesh is like the flesh of asses and whose issue is *like* the issue of horses. <sup>21</sup>So you longed for the wickedness of your youth, when the Egyptians squeezed your nipples, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

<sup>22</sup>So, O Aholibah, the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will raise up against you your lovers, from whom your soul is alienated; and I will bring them against you from all around; <sup>23</sup>the Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all of them desirable young men, governors and rulers, all of them, third heads and called ones; all of them riding on horses. <sup>24</sup>And they shall come against you *with* weapons, chariots, and wheels, and with an assembly of peoples; buckler and shield and helmet shall set against you all around. And I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you by their judgments. <sup>25</sup>And I will set My jealousy against you, and they shall deal with you in fury. They shall take away your nose and your ears, and the rest of you shall fall by the sword. They shall take away your sons and your daughters, and the rest of you shall be devoured by the fire. <sup>26</sup>They shall also strip you *of* your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels. <sup>27</sup>So I will make your wickedness to cease from you, and your fornication from the land of Egypt. And you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor shall you remember Egypt any more.

<sup>28</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give you into the hand of *those* whom you hate, into the hand of *those* from whom your mind was alienated from them. <sup>29</sup>And they shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your fornications shall be uncovered, both your wickedness and your fornications. <sup>30</sup>These things will be done to you because you have whored after the nations, and because you are defiled with their idols. <sup>31</sup>You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand. <sup>32</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large; you shall be laughed to scorn and mocked; for it holds much. <sup>33</sup>*In* drunkenness and sorrow you are filled, the cup of horror and ruin, the cup of your sister Samaria. <sup>34</sup>You shall even drink it and empty it. And you shall break its pieces, and tear off your own breasts. For I have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>35</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, therefore bear also your wickedness and your adulteries.

<sup>36</sup>And the LORD said to me: Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah, and declare to them their abominations, <sup>37</sup>that they have committed adultery, and blood *is* on their hands? And they have committed adultery with their idols and have also caused their sons whom they bore to Me to pass through *the fire* to them,

to devour *them*.<sup>38</sup> And yet they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary in that day, and have profaned My sabbaths.<sup>39</sup> And when they had slain their sons to their idols, then they came into My sanctuary in that day to profane it. And lo, this they have done in the midst of My house.<sup>40</sup> And they have even sent for men to come from far, to whom a messenger *was* sent. And lo, they came. You washed yourself for them, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself *with* ornaments,<sup>41</sup> and sat on a stately bed with a table prepared before it, on which you set My incense and My oil.<sup>42</sup> And the sound of a crowd *was* at ease with her; and drunkards from the wilderness *were* brought with the men of the host of mankind; and they put bracelets on their hands, and crowns of beauty on their heads.<sup>43</sup> And I said about the one worn *in* adulteries, Will they now whore with her, and she *with them*?<sup>44</sup> And they went in to her, as they go in to a woman of harlotry; and they went in to Aholah and to Aholibah, the wicked women.

<sup>45</sup> And *as* righteous men, they shall judge them *with* the judgment of adulteresses, and the judgment of women who shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.<sup>46</sup> For so says the Lord Jehovah: I will bring up a company on them, and will give them to be removed and stripped.<sup>47</sup> And the company shall stone them *with* stones, and cut them down with their swords. They shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.<sup>48</sup> So I will cause wickedness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to go after your wickedness.<sup>49</sup> And they shall put your wickedness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols. And you shall know that *I am* the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup> Again in the ninth year, in the tenth *month*, in the tenth of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying,<sup>2</sup> Son of man, write the name of the day, even of this same day. The king of Babylon has leaned toward Jerusalem this same day.<sup>3</sup> And speak a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Set on a pot; set it on, and also pour water into it.<sup>4</sup> Gather its pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder. Fill *it with* the choice bones.<sup>5</sup> Take the choice of the flock, and also burn the bones under it; make it boil high, and let them boil its bones in it.

<sup>6</sup> So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* in it, and whose scum has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall on it.<sup>7</sup> For her blood is in her midst; she set it on the top of a rock. She did not pour it on the ground, to cover it *with* dust,<sup>8</sup> that it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance. I have set her blood on the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.<sup>9</sup> So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city! I will even heap on the pile.<sup>10</sup> And kindle the fire on wood, consume the flesh, and mix in the spice, and let the bones be burned.<sup>11</sup> And set it empty on its coals, so that its bronze may be hot and may burn, and *that* its uncleanness may be melted in it, *that* the scum of it may be gone.<sup>12</sup> She has wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum did not go out of her. Her scum *shall be* in the fire.<sup>13</sup> In your defilement *is* wickedness. Because I have purged you and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your defilement any more, until I have caused My fury to cease on you.<sup>14</sup> I the LORD have spoken. It shall come, and I will do *it*. I will not let go, nor will I spare, nor will I repent. According to your ways, and according to your doings, they shall judge you, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>15</sup> And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying,<sup>16</sup> Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke. Yet neither shall you mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.<sup>17</sup> Be silent; make no mourning for the

dead; tie your bonnet on your head, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover *your* lips, and do not eat the bread of men. <sup>18</sup>So I spoke to the people in the morning. And in the evening my wife died, and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

<sup>19</sup>And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these *things* mean to us, that you do so? <sup>20</sup>And I answered them, The word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>21</sup>Speak to the house of Israel. So says the Lord Jehovah: behold, I will defile My sanctuary, the glory of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities. And your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword. <sup>22</sup>And you shall do as I have done. You shall not cover *your* lips nor eat the bread of men. <sup>23</sup>And your bonnets *shall be* on your heads, and your shoes on your feet. You shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities and mourn to one another. <sup>24</sup>So Ezekiel is a sign to you. According to all that he has done, you shall do. And when this comes, you shall know that *I am* the Lord Jehovah. <sup>25</sup>Also, son of man, *will it not be* in the day *when* I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, <sup>26</sup>that he who escapes in that day shall come to you to cause *you* to hear it with *your* ears? <sup>27</sup>In that day your mouth shall be open to him who has escaped, and you shall speak and be no more dumb. And you shall be a sign to them, and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD *came* again to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites and prophesy against them. <sup>3</sup>And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because you said, Aha, against My sanctuary when it was defiled, and against the land of Israel when it was ruined, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity; <sup>4</sup>therefore, behold, I will give you to the men of the east for a possession. And they shall set their camp sites among you, and put among you their dwellings. They shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. <sup>5</sup>And I will make Rabbah a stable *for* camels, and the Ammonites a crouching-place *for* flocks. And you shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have clapped *your* hands and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your spite against the land of Israel; <sup>7</sup>behold, therefore I will stretch out My hand on you, and will give you as a prize to the nations. And I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish out of the lands. I will destroy you, and you shall know that *I am* the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations; <sup>9</sup>therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities, from his borders, the glory of the land, even Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, <sup>10</sup>to the men of the east with the Ammonites. And I will give them in possession so that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. <sup>11</sup>And I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended and revenged himself on them; <sup>13</sup>therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: I will also stretch out My hand on Edom, and will cut man and beast off from it; and I will make it a waste from Teman, and those of Dedan shall fall by the sword. <sup>14</sup>And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. And they shall do in Edom according



to My anger and according to My fury. And they shall know My vengeance, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>15</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the Philistines have taken vengeance; yes, have taken vengeance with spite in their soul, to destroy *with* never-ending enmity, <sup>16</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will stretch out My hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethim, and will destroy the rest of the sea coast. <sup>17</sup>And I will execute great vengeance on them with rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay My vengeance on them.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the eleventh year, in the first of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha! She is shattered, the doors of the peoples, she has turned to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste. <sup>3</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I *am* against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. <sup>4</sup>And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. <sup>5</sup>It shall be *a place* for the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea. For I have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah. And it shall become a spoil to the nations. <sup>6</sup>And her daughters who are in the field shall be killed by the sword; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon on Tyre, a king of kings from the north, with horses and with chariots and with a company of horsemen, and many people. <sup>8</sup>He shall kill your daughters with the sword in the field. And he shall make siege walls against you, and pour out a siege mound against you, and lift up the shield against you. <sup>9</sup>And he shall set engines of war against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers. <sup>10</sup>Because of his many horses, their dust shall cover you. Your walls shall shake at the sound of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as *men* enter a city that is breached. <sup>11</sup>With the hoofs of his horses he shall trample all your streets. He shall kill your people by the sword, and your pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground. <sup>12</sup>And they shall plunder your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise. And they shall break down your walls and destroy your desirable houses. And they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water. <sup>13</sup>And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more. <sup>14</sup>And I will make you like the top of a rock. You shall be *a place* to spread nets on; you shall be built no more; for I the LORD have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>15</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shall not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall, when the slain groan, when the slaughter is made in your midst? <sup>16</sup>And all the rulers of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their embroidered garments. They shall clothe themselves *with* trembling; they shall sit on the ground and tremble at *every* moment, and be amazed at you. <sup>17</sup>And they shall take up a mourning for you, and say to you, How you who lived by the sea are destroyed, the famous city which was strong in the sea, she and her people who caused their terror to be on all who lived in it! <sup>18</sup>And the coasts shall tremble *in* the day of your fall; yea, the coasts by the sea shall be troubled at your going. <sup>19</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: When I shall make you a ruined city, like the cities that have no inhabitants; when I shall bring up the deep on you, and great waters shall cover you; <sup>20</sup>when I shall bring you down with those who go down into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set you in the low

parts of the earth, in places ruined in days of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you have no inhabitants — but I gave glory in the land of the living — <sup>21</sup>I will give you terrors, and you *will* not *be*. Though you are sought, yet you shall never be found forever says the Lord Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>And you, son of man, take up a mourning for Tyre. <sup>3</sup>And say to Tyre, O you who are placed at the entrance of the sea, a merchant of the people for many coastlands, so says the Lord Jehovah: O Tyre, you have said, I *am* of perfect beauty. <sup>4</sup>Your borders are in the midst of the seas, your builders have perfected your beauty. <sup>5</sup>They have made all your *ship* boards of fir trees of Senir; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you. <sup>6</sup>They have made the oaks of Bashan your oars; the company of the Ashurites have made your benches of ivory from the coasts of Chittim, daughter of Assyria. <sup>7</sup>Your sale was of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt, an ensign for you; violet and purple from the coasts of Elishah was your covering. <sup>8</sup>The residents of Sidon and Arvad *were* your seamen. Your wise ones, O Tyre, were in you, they were your sailors. <sup>9</sup>The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you, reinforcing your seams. All the ships of the sea with their seamen were with you, to exchange your merchandise. <sup>10</sup>Persia and Lud and Lydia were in your army, your men of war. They hung the shield and helmet in you; they set your splendor. <sup>11</sup>The sons of Arvad and your army *were* on your walls all around, and warriors were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls all around; they have made your beauty perfect. <sup>12</sup>Tarshish *was* your merchant because of the multitude of your wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they gave for your wares. <sup>13</sup>Javan, Tubal, and Meshech *were* your merchants. They traded the souls of men and vessels of bronze for your goods. <sup>14</sup>From the house of Togarmah they gave horses and war-horses and mules for your wares. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Dedan *were* your merchants; many coastlands *were* the traffic of your hand. They brought as your gift tusks of ivory and ebony. <sup>16</sup>Syria *was* your merchant because of the multitude of your works; with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies they gave for your wares. <sup>17</sup>Judah and the land of Israel *were* your merchants with wheat *from* Minnith and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm, they gave for your goods. <sup>18</sup>Damascus *was* your merchant in the multitude of your works, from the multitude of all riches, in the wine of Helbon, and white wool. <sup>19</sup>Dan and Javan also, going about, gave for your wares; smooth iron, cassia, and cane were among your goods. <sup>20</sup>Dedan *was* your merchant in loose cloths for riding. <sup>21</sup>Arabia, and all the rulers of Kedar *were* traders of your hand, in lambs, and rams, and goats; in them was your trade. <sup>22</sup>The merchants of Sheba and Raamah *were* your merchants, with the chief of all the spices, and with every precious stone, and gold they gave for your wares. <sup>23</sup>Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, Chilmad *were* your merchants. <sup>24</sup>They *were* your merchants in perfect things, in violet cloth, and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, with tightly bound cords, and cedars among your merchandise. <sup>25</sup>The ships of Tarshish *were* the travelers of your goods. And you were filled and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

<sup>26</sup>Your rowers have made you come into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. <sup>27</sup>Your riches, and your wares, your goods, your seamen, and your pilots reinforcing your seams, and the traders of your goods, and all your men of war, who *are* in you, and all your company which *is* in your midst, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin. <sup>28</sup>At the sound of the cry of your sailors the open lands will shake. <sup>29</sup>And all who handle the oar,

the mariners, all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships. They shall stand on the land, <sup>30</sup>and shall cause their voice to be heard against you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall throw dust on their heads. They shall wallow themselves in the ashes. <sup>31</sup>And they will be bald for you, and gird with sackcloth. And they shall weep for you with bitterness of soul, a bitter wailing. <sup>32</sup>And in their wailing they shall lift up a lament for you and weep over you, *saying*, Who is like Tyre; as she who is quiet in the midst of the sea? <sup>33</sup>When your goods went out from the seas, you filled many people. With the plenty of your riches and your goods you enriched the kings of the earth. <sup>34</sup>At *this time* you are broken by the seas, in the depths of the waters, your goods and all your company in your midst have fallen. <sup>35</sup>All the residents of the coasts are appalled at you, and their kings are horribly terrified; *their* faces tremble. <sup>36</sup>The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you have become terrors. And you *shall not be* forever.

#### CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD *came* again to me, *saying*, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, *I am* a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you *are* a man and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of gods; <sup>3</sup>Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel; every secret *thing* is not hidden from you! <sup>4</sup>With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made riches for yourselves, and have worked gold and silver into your treasures. <sup>5</sup>By your great wisdom *and* by your trade you have multiplied your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches. <sup>6</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have set your heart as the heart of gods, <sup>7</sup>behold, therefore I will bring awesome strangers *of* the nations. And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. <sup>8</sup>They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of those who are slain in the heart of the seas. <sup>9</sup>Will you yet say before him who kills you, *I am of the gods*? But you *are* a man, and not God, in the hand of him who kills you. <sup>10</sup>You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers. For I have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>11</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, *saying*, <sup>12</sup>Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah: You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup>You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created. <sup>14</sup>You *were* the anointed cherub that covers, and I had put you in the holy height of God *where* you were.; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>15</sup>You *were* perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you. <sup>16</sup>By the multitude of your goods they have filled your midst *with* violence, and you have sinned. So I cast you profaned from the height of God, and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from among the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup>Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have spoiled your wisdom because of your brightness. I will cast you to the ground; I will put you before kings, that they may behold you. <sup>18</sup>By the host of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade, you have profaned your holy places; so I brought a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will give you for ashes on the earth, before the eyes of all who see you. <sup>19</sup>All who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you; you *shall be* terrors, and you will not be forever.

<sup>20</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>21</sup>Son of man, set your face against Sidon, and prophesy against it. <sup>22</sup>And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Sidon, and I will be glorified in your midst. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have executed judgments in her and have revealed My holiness in her. <sup>23</sup>For I will send a plague into her, and blood into her streets. And the wounded shall be judged in her midst by the sword on her on every side. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>24</sup>And there will not be a pricking brier, or a painful thorn to the house of Israel any more, from all those who surround them, who hate them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah. <sup>25</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and have been sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell in their land that I have given to My servant Jacob. <sup>26</sup>And they shall dwell safely in it, and shall build houses and plant vineyards. Yea, they shall dwell safely when I have executed judgments on all those who despise them all around them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>1</sup>In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. <sup>3</sup>Speak and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river *is* mine, and I have made it. <sup>4</sup>But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales. <sup>5</sup>And I will leave you to the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You shall fall on the open fields; you shall not be removed nor gathered. I have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heavens. <sup>6</sup>And all the people of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>When they took you by your hand, you broke and tore off all their shoulder. And when they leaned on you, you shattered and made all their loins stand.

<sup>8</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and cut off man and beast from you. <sup>9</sup>And the land of Egypt shall be a desert and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it. <sup>10</sup>Behold, *and* therefore I *am* against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt a complete waste, a ruin, from Migdol to Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia. <sup>11</sup>No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, and you shall not live *in it* forty years. <sup>12</sup>And I will make the land of Egypt a ruin in the midst of the ruined lands; and her cities shall be deserted forty years among the cities that are laid waste. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will scatter them through the lands.

<sup>13</sup>Yet so says the Lord Jehovah: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered. <sup>14</sup>And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return to the land of Pathros, into their homeland. And they shall be a low kingdom there. <sup>15</sup>It shall be the lowest of the kingdoms, and shall no more exalt itself above the nations. For I will make them so few, that they shall no more rule over the nations. <sup>16</sup>And it shall never again be the hope of the house of Israel, recalling the iniquity of their turning after them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>17</sup>And it happened in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled. Yet neither he nor his army had any pay for Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. <sup>19</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And he shall take her host, and take her spoil, and seize her plunder. And it shall be the wages for his army. <sup>20</sup>I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor with which he served against it, because they worked for Me, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>21</sup>In that day I will cause a horn bud to the house of Israel, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in their midst. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

### CHAPTER 30

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Howl, Woe is the day! <sup>3</sup>For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day. It shall be the time of the nations. <sup>4</sup>And the sword shall come on Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. <sup>5</sup>Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mixed people; and Chub, and the men of the land who are in covenant with them shall fall with them by the sword. <sup>6</sup>So says the LORD: Those who uphold Egypt shall also fall, and the pride of her power shall come down. From Migdol to Syene they shall fall in it by the sword, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>7</sup>And they shall be ruined in the midst of the lands that are wasted, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. <sup>8</sup>And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt and all her helpers shall be destroyed. <sup>9</sup>In that day messengers shall go out from Me in ships to terrify the confident Ethiopians, and anguish shall be on them, as in the day of Egypt; for lo, it is coming.

<sup>10</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. <sup>11</sup>He and his people with them, the fearful of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land. And they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land *with* the slain. <sup>12</sup>And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked. And I will waste the land, and her fullness, by the hand of strangers. I the LORD have spoken. <sup>13</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph. And there shall no more be a ruler of the land in Egypt; and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>And I will make Pathros a ruin, and will set fire in Zoan, and will do judgments in No. <sup>15</sup>And I will pour My fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt. And I will cut off the multitude of No. <sup>16</sup>And I will set fire in Egypt; Sin shall greatly anguish, and No shall be torn in pieces, and Noph *shall have* daily woes. <sup>17</sup>The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into exile. <sup>18</sup>And at Tehaphnehes also the day shall be held back, when I shatter the yokes of Egypt there. And the pride of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into exile. <sup>19</sup>So I will do judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>And it happened in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>21</sup>Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And lo, it shall not lie bound up to give healing, to put a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword. <sup>22</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his

arms, the strong one and the broken one. And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. <sup>22</sup>And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will scatter them through the lands. <sup>24</sup>And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand. But I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of one who is stabbed. <sup>25</sup>But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it on the land of Egypt. <sup>26</sup>And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and scatter them among the lands. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

### CHAPTER 31

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first of the *month*, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude: To whom are you like in your greatness? <sup>3</sup>Behold, Assyria *was* like a cedar in Lebanon, *with* fair branches and forest shade, and of great height. And his top was among the thick boughs. <sup>4</sup>The waters made him great; the deep set him up on high with her rivers running all around his plants, and sent out her little channels to all the trees of the field. <sup>5</sup>So his height was lifted up above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the many waters, when he sent out. <sup>6</sup>All the birds of the heavens nested in his boughs, and under his branches all the beasts of the field bore their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. <sup>7</sup>So he was beautiful in his greatness, in the length of his branches. For his root was by great waters. <sup>8</sup>The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him; the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches. Nor was any tree in the garden of God like him in his beauty. <sup>9</sup>I have made him beautiful by his many branches, so that all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God envied him.

<sup>10</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have lifted yourself up in height, and he set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; <sup>11</sup>so I have given him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations. He shall surely deal with him; I have expelled him for his evil. <sup>12</sup>And strangers have cut him off, the fearful of the nations, and have left him. On the mountains and in all the valleys his branches have fallen, and his boughs have been broken by all the rivers of the land. And all the people of the earth have gone from his shadow, and have left him. <sup>13</sup>On his ruin shall all the birds of the heavens remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be on his branches, <sup>14</sup>to the end that none of all the trees by the waters shall not be exalted in their height, nor give their top among the thick boughs. Nor should their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water. For all of them are given to death, to the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the sons of men, with those who go down *into* the pit.

<sup>15</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day when he went down to the grave, I caused a mourning. I covered the deep for him, and I held back its floods, and the great waters were held back. And I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted because of him. <sup>16</sup>I made the nations shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with those who go down *in* the pit. And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the lower parts of the earth. <sup>17</sup>They also went down into hell with him to *those who are* slain with the sword, and *those who were* his arm, who lived under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

<sup>10</sup>To whom are you like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth. You shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are slain* by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all *his* multitude, says the Lord Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 32

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth *month*, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, take up a lament for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You are like a young lion of the nations, but you *are* like a sea-monster. And you came out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers. <sup>3</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: I will therefore spread out My net over you with an assembly of many peoples; and they shall lift you up in My net. <sup>4</sup>And I will leave you on the land; I will cast you on the face of the field, and cause all the birds of the heavens to remain on you, and I will fill the beasts of all the earth with you. <sup>5</sup>And I will put your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys *with* your height. <sup>6</sup>I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you. <sup>7</sup>And when I put you out, I will cover the heaven and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. <sup>8</sup>I will make all the bright lights of the heavens dark over you, and will set darkness on your land, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>9</sup>I will also vex the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your breaking among the nations, into the lands which you have not known. <sup>10</sup>Yea, I will make many people amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I shall brandish My sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, *each* man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

<sup>11</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you. <sup>12</sup>By the swords of the mighty, I will cause your multitudes to fall, the fearful of the nations, all of them. And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. <sup>13</sup>I will also destroy all its beasts from beside the great waters. Nor shall the foot of man stir them any more, nor shall the hoofs of beasts stir them. <sup>14</sup>And I will make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>15</sup>When I shall make the land of Egypt a ruin, and the land shall be stripped of its fullness; when I shall strike all those who dwell in it; then they shall know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>16</sup>This is the mourning with which they shall mourn her. The daughters of the nations shall mourn her; they shall mourn for her, for Egypt and for all her multitude, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>17</sup>It was also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth of the month, that the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and bring it down, her and the daughters of the majestic nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down *into* the pit. <sup>19</sup>Than whom are you more lovely? Go down and be laid with the uncircumcised. <sup>20</sup>They shall fall in the midst of *those who are slain* by the sword; she is delivered to the sword; they draw her and all her multitudes. <sup>21</sup>The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with those who help him. They have gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. <sup>22</sup>Assyria is there and all her company. His graves *are* around him; all of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword; <sup>23</sup>their graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is all around her grave. All of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword, those who caused terror in the land of the living. <sup>24</sup>There is Elam and her multitude all around her grave. All of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living. Yet they have borne their shame with those who go down *to* the pit. <sup>25</sup>They have set her a bed in the

midst of the slain with all her multitude. Her graves *are* all around him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though their terror was given in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those who go down *to* the pit. He is put among the slain.

<sup>26</sup>There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude. Her graves *are* all around him. All of them are uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they gave their terror in the land of the living. <sup>27</sup>And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war. And they have laid their swords under their heads, but their sins shall be on their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. <sup>28</sup>Yea, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with *those who are* slain with the sword. <sup>29</sup>There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her rulers, who with their might are laid by *those who were* slain by the sword. They shall be with the uncircumcised and with those who go down *to* the pit. <sup>30</sup>There *are* the rulers of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain in their terror. They are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down *to* the pit. <sup>31</sup>Pharaoh shall see them and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army killed by the sword, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>32</sup>For I had put his terror in the land of the living. And he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 33

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, of their borders, and set him for their watchman; <sup>3</sup>if, *when* he sees the sword come on the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people, <sup>4</sup>then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword does come and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head. <sup>5</sup>He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning. His blood shall be on himself. But he who takes warning shall deliver his soul. <sup>6</sup>But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned; if the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at the watchman's hand.

<sup>7</sup>And you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore you shall hear the word from My mouth, and warn them from Me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked one shall die in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But, if you warn the wicked of his way, to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>And you, son of man, speak to the house of Israel. So you have spoken, saying, When our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and we are wasting away in them, How then shall we live? <sup>11</sup>Say to them: *As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>Therefore, son of man, say to the sons of your people: The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it in the day he turns from his wickedness. Nor shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sins. <sup>13</sup>When I shall say to the righteous *that* he



shall surely live; if he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it. <sup>14</sup>Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turns from his sin and does justice and right; <sup>15</sup>if the wicked gives back the pledge, gives again what he had robbed, walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, then he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of his sins that he has committed shall be called to his memory. He has done justice and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>Yet the sons of your people say, The way of the Lord is not fair. But as for them, their way is not fair. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall even die by it. <sup>19</sup>But if the wicked turns from his wickedness and does justice and right, he shall live by it. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways.

<sup>21</sup>And it was in the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth *month*, on the fifth of the month, one who escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city is stricken. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD's hand was on me in the evening, before he who had escaped came. And He had opened my mouth until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was dumb no more. <sup>23</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>24</sup>Son of man, those who live in those wastes of the land of Israel are speaking, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land. But we *are* many; the land is given to us for inheritance. <sup>25</sup>So say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood; and shall you possess the land? <sup>26</sup>You stand on your sword, you work abomination, each defiling his neighbor's wife. And shall you possess the land? <sup>27</sup>Speak to them in this way, So says the Lord Jehovah: *As I live*, surely those who *are* in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and I will give him who *is* in the open field to the beasts to be eaten up, and those who *are* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the plague. <sup>28</sup>For I have made the land a ruin, and the pride of her strength has ceased. And the mountains of Israel shall be a waste, so that none shall pass through. <sup>29</sup>And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have made the land a ruin because of all their abominations which they have committed.

<sup>30</sup>And you, son of man, the sons of your people are still talking about you by the walls, and in the doors of the houses, and speaking to one another, each man to his brother, saying, I pray you, come and hear what *is* the word which comes from the LORD. <sup>31</sup>And they come to you as the people come, and they sit before you *as* My people, and they hear your words. But they will not do them. For with their mouth they show much love, *but* their heart goes after their unjust gain. <sup>32</sup>And lo, you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. <sup>33</sup>And when this happens; lo, it will come; then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

#### CHAPTER 34

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you kill those who are fed, *but* you do not feed the flock. <sup>4</sup>You have not made the weak strong, nor have you healed the sick, nor have you bound up the broken. You have not brought again that which was driven away, nor have you sought that which was lost; but you have ruled them with force and with cruelty. <sup>5</sup>And they were scattered because *there is* no shepherd. And they became food to all the

beasts of the field, when they were scattered. <sup>6</sup>My sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill. Yea, My flock was scattered on all the face of the earth, and none searched nor sought *for them*. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup>As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely My flock became a prey, and My flock became food to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd. Nor did My shepherds search *for My flock*, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock; <sup>9</sup>therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

<sup>11</sup>For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I, *even* I, will both search My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the lands, and will bring them to their own land and feed them on the mountain of Israel by the rivers, and in all the places of the land where people live. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them in a good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>16</sup>I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick. But I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. <sup>17</sup>And you, My flock, says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between lamb and lamb, *between* rams and he-goats. <sup>18</sup>*Is it* a small thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, but you must trample the rest of your pastures with your feet? And to have drunk of the deep waters, but you must foul the rest with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And My flock, they eat *what* you have trampled with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

<sup>20</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this to them: Behold I, *even* I, will judge between the fat lamb and the lean lamb. <sup>21</sup>Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and have pushed all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them; <sup>22</sup>therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no more be a prey. And I will judge between lamb and lamb. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up one Shepherd over them, and He shall feed them, My servant David. He shall feed them, and He shall be their Shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David a ruler among them. I the LORD have spoken. <sup>25</sup>And I will make a covenant of peace with them, and will send the evil beasts out of the land. And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup>And I will make them, and the places around My hill, a blessing; and I will bring down the shower in its season. There shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup>And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. And they shall be safe in their land, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hands of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup>And no more shall they be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beast of the land eat them. But they shall dwell safely, and none shall terrify *them*. <sup>29</sup>And I will raise up for them a planting place of name; and they shall never again *be of* those gathered by famine in the land, nor shall they bear the shame of the nations any more. <sup>30</sup>And they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>31</sup>And you My flock, the flock of My pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, says the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 35

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it. <sup>3</sup>And say to it, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, O Mount Seir, I *am* against you, and I will stretch out My hand against you, and I will make you a ruin and a waste. <sup>4</sup>I will raze your cities, and you shall be ruined, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Because you have had a never-ending hatred, and have shed the blood of the sons of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that iniquity had* an end, <sup>6</sup>therefore, *As I live*, says the Lord Jehovah, I will yield you up to blood, and blood shall pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, even blood shall pursue you. <sup>7</sup>So I will make mount Seir a ruin, and cut off from it the one passing through, and the one returning. <sup>8</sup>And I will fill his mountains *with* his dead. *In* your hills, and *in* your valleys, and *in* all your rivers, those who are slain with the sword shall fall. <sup>9</sup>I will make you ruins forever, and your cities shall not return. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>10</sup>Because you have said, These two nations and these two lands shall be mine, and we shall possess it; *yet* the LORD was there; <sup>11</sup>therefore, *as I live*, says the Lord Jehovah, I will act by your anger and by your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them. And I will make Myself known among them when I have judged you. <sup>12</sup>And you shall know that I *am* the LORD, and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid waste; they are given to us for food. <sup>13</sup>So with your mouth you have boasted against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me. I have heard *them*. <sup>14</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you a ruin. <sup>15</sup>As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it *was* a ruin, so I will do to you. You shall be a ruin, O mount Seir and all Idumea, *even* all of it. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

## CHAPTER 36

<sup>1</sup>Also, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha! Even the old high places have become ours to possess; <sup>3</sup>therefore prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Because of the wasting and crushing of you from all around, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you were lifted up on the lip of the tongue, and the talking of the people; <sup>4</sup>so, mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah. So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the deserted wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and a mockery to the rest of the nations that *are* all around. <sup>5</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Idumea, who have given My land to themselves for a possession with all joy of heart, with scorning of soul, that its casting out might be for a prey. <sup>6</sup>So prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations. <sup>7</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: I have lifted up My hand; surely the nations that *are* around you shall bear their shame.

<sup>8</sup>But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall put out your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they have drawn near to come. <sup>9</sup>For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. <sup>10</sup>And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it. And the cities shall have people, and the wastes shall be built. <sup>11</sup>And I will multiply man and beast on you,

and they shall increase and be fruitful. And I will make you dwell as before, and I will do better *to you* than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Yea, I will cause men to walk on you, *even* My people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and not any more will increase their bereavement. <sup>13</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Because they say to you, You *are* a devourer of men, and you have bereaved your nations; <sup>14</sup>so you shall devour men no more, nor shall you bereave your nations any more, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>15</sup>Nor will I allow you to hear the shame of the nations in you any more, nor shall you bear the shame of the peoples any more, nor shall you cause your nations to fall any more, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>16</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying. <sup>17</sup>Son of man, *when* the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings — as the defilement of woman's impurity, their way was before Me. <sup>18</sup>So I poured My fury on them, because of the blood that they had shed on the land, and for their idols *by which* they defiled it. <sup>19</sup>And I scattered them among the nations, and they were scattered through the lands. I judged them according to their way and according to their doings. <sup>20</sup>And *when* they entered the nations where they went, they even profaned My holy name by saying to them, These *are* the people of the Jehovah, and they are gone out of His land. <sup>21</sup>But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. <sup>23</sup>And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. And the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD, says the Lord Jehovah, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all lands, and will gather you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>And I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you *to* walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do *them*. <sup>28</sup>And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>I will also save you from all your defilements, and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine on you. <sup>30</sup>And I will multiply the fruits of the tree and the increase of the field, so that you shall never again receive the curse of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup>And you shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall despise yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. <sup>32</sup>I do not do *this* for your sake, says the Lord Jehovah, be it known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

<sup>33</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built. <sup>34</sup>And the waste land shall be tilled, instead of being a ruin before all passing by. <sup>35</sup>And they shall say, This land that was wasted has become like the garden of Eden. And the wasted, deserted and ruined cities now are fortified *and* inhabited. <sup>36</sup>And the nations that are left all around you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places* and plant that which was wasted. I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do it. <sup>37</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: I will yet for *this* be inquired by the house of Israel to act for them. I will increase them *with* men like a flock. <sup>38</sup>As a holy flock, as the

flock of Jerusalem in her appointed *feasts*, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

### CHAPTER 37

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of the LORD, and made me rest in the midst of a valley, and it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And He made me pass among them all around. And behold, very many *were* on the face of the valley. And lo, *they were* very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jehovah, You know. <sup>4</sup>Again He said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD. <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a shaking! And the bones came near, a bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I watched. And behold! The sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin covered them above. But there *was* no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, So says the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these dead ones so that they may live. <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, these bones *are* the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried and our hope is lost; we are cut off by ourselves. <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves. <sup>14</sup>And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. And you shall know that I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*, says the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>And the word of the LORD came again to me, saying, <sup>16</sup>And you, son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and for his companions, the sons of Israel. And take another stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel, his companions. <sup>17</sup>And join them to one another into one stick. And they shall become one in your hand. <sup>18</sup>And when the sons of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us what *these* mean to you? <sup>19</sup>Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions, and I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

<sup>20</sup>And the sticks *on* which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. <sup>21</sup>And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and will bring them into their own land. <sup>22</sup>And I will make them one nation in the land on the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all. And they shall never again be two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. <sup>23</sup>Nor shall they be defiled with their idols, even with their filthy idols, nor with all of their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in them where they sinned, and will cleanse them. And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God. <sup>24</sup>And David My servant *shall be* king over them. And there shall be one Shepherd to all of them. And they shall

walk in My judgments, and obey My laws, and do them. <sup>25</sup>And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, the land in which your fathers have lived. And they shall dwell in it, even they and their sons, and their sons's sons for ever. And My servant David *shall be* their ruler forever. <sup>26</sup>And I will cut a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. <sup>27</sup>And My tabernacle shall be with them. Yea, I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>28</sup>And the nations shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever.

### CHAPTER 38

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD *came* to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief ruler of Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him. <sup>3</sup>And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the chief ruler of Meshech and Tubal. <sup>4</sup>And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most perfectly, a great assembly *with* buckler and shield, all of them swordsmen; <sup>5</sup>Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; <sup>6</sup>Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah, *from* the recesses of the north, and all his bands; *and* many peoples with you. <sup>7</sup>Be prepared; yea, prepare for yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled to you, and be a guard to them. <sup>8</sup>After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste. (But he has been brought out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.) <sup>9</sup>And you shall go up, coming like a storm. You shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many peoples with you.

<sup>10</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: And it shall be in that day that things shall come into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan. <sup>11</sup>And you shall say, I will go up to the land of open spaces. I will go *to* those at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and there are no bars nor gates to them, <sup>12</sup>in order to take a spoil, and to steal a prize; to turn your hand on the inhabited waste places, and on the people gathered out of the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to steal a prize, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

<sup>14</sup>So, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, So says the Lord Jehovah: In that day when My people of Israel dwells securely, shall you not know *it*? <sup>15</sup>And you shall come from your place out of the recesses of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. <sup>16</sup>And you shall come up on My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the last days, and I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes. <sup>17</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: *Are* you he of whom I have spoken in former days, by the hand of My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring you against them? <sup>18</sup>And it shall be on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah, My fury shall come up in My face. <sup>19</sup>For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel, <sup>20</sup>so that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men that *are* on the face of the earth, shall

quake at My presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. <sup>21</sup>And I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains, says the Lord Jehovah. *Each* man's sword shall be against his brother. <sup>22</sup>And I will judge him with a plague and with blood. And I will rain on him, and on his bands, and on the many peoples *with* him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. <sup>23</sup>So I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

### CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, *I am* against you, O Gog, the chief ruler of Meshech and Tubal. <sup>2</sup>And I will turn you back, and lead you on. And I will bring you on the mountains of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. <sup>4</sup>You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hands, and the people with you. I will give you for food to the birds of prey of every kind, and *to* the beasts of the field. <sup>5</sup>You shall fall on the face of the field, for I have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>6</sup>And I will send a fire on Magog, and on the secure inhabitants of the coasts. And they shall know that *I am* the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not let them profane My holy name any more. And the nations shall know that *I am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Behold, it is coming, and it will be done, says the Lord Jehovah. *This is* the day of which I have spoken. <sup>9</sup>And the inhabitants of the cities of Israel shall go out and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the javelins, and the spears. And they shall burn them *with* fire seven years, <sup>10</sup>so that they shall take no wood out of the field, nor cut down *any* out of the forests for they shall burn the weapons for fire. And they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>11</sup>And it will be in that day I will give to Gog a place there, a grave in Israel, the valley of those who pass by, east of the sea. And it shall stop *the noses of* those who pass by. And there they shall bury Gog and all his multitude. And they shall call *it* The Valley of the Multitude of Gog. <sup>12</sup>And the house of Israel shall bury them, to cleanse the land, seven months. <sup>13</sup>And all the people of the land shall bury. And it shall be a name to them, the day when *I am* glorified, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>14</sup>And men shall separate those who continually pass through the land, burying those who remain on the face of the earth, to cleanse *it*. At the end of seven months they shall search. <sup>15</sup>And *as* they pass, those who pass through the land, and *any* man sees a bone, then he shall build a post beside it, until the buriers have buried it in The Valley of the Multitude of God. <sup>16</sup>And also the name of the city *is* The Multitude. And they shall cleanse the land.

<sup>17</sup>And you, son of man, So says the Lord Jehovah. Speak to the bird of every wing, and to every beast of the field: Gather yourselves and come; gather yourselves from all around to My sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup>You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the rulers of the earth, of rams, lambs, goats, *and* bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. <sup>19</sup>And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. <sup>20</sup>And you shall be filled at My table *with* horses and chariots, with mighty men, all the men of war, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>21</sup>And I will set My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have

done, and My hand that I have laid on them. <sup>22</sup>So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

<sup>23</sup>And the nations shall know that the house of Israel was exiled for their iniquity. Because they sinned against Me, therefore I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies. So they all fell by the sword. <sup>24</sup>According to their uncleanness and according to their sins I have done to them, and have hidden My face from them. <sup>25</sup>Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: And I will return the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy name; <sup>26</sup>after they have borne their shame and all their sins by which they have sinned against Me, when they dwell securely in their land and no one terrifies; <sup>27</sup>when I have brought them again from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; <sup>28</sup>then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God who exiled them among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land, and have not left any of them there. <sup>29</sup>Nor will I hide My face from them any more, for I have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah.

#### CHAPTER 40

<sup>1</sup>In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was stricken, in the same day the hand of the LORD was on me, and brought me there. <sup>2</sup>In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and made me rest on a very high mountain. And it went up, as the structure of the city on the south. <sup>3</sup>And He brought me there, and behold, a man whose appearance *was like* the look of bronze, and a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed. And he stood in the gate. <sup>4</sup>And the man said to me, Son of man, behold with your eyes and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you. For you are brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And behold, a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand *was* a measuring reed, six cubits, with a cubit and a span. And he measured the building's breadth, one reed; and the height, one reed. <sup>6</sup>And he came to the gate which faced eastward, and went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide, even the one threshold, one reed wide. <sup>7</sup>And a room one reed long and one reed wide. And between the rooms *were* five cubits. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate from the house, one reed. <sup>8</sup>He also measured the porch of the gate *inside*, one reed. <sup>9</sup>And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its pillars, two cubits; also the porch of the gate from the house. <sup>10</sup>And the gaterooms eastward *were* three from here, and three from there; one measure to the three of them; and one measure *was* to the pillars from here and from there. <sup>11</sup>And he measured the breadth of the gate-opening, ten cubits. The length of the gate *was* thirteen cubits. <sup>12</sup>And the border in front of the rooms *was* one cubit from here, and the space *was* one cubit from there. And the room *was* six cubits from here and six cubits from there. <sup>13</sup>And he measured the gate of the room from the roof to roof, twenty-five cubits wide, door to door. <sup>14</sup>He also made the pillars, sixty cubits, even to the court-pillar, *from* the gate all around. <sup>15</sup>And on the face of the entrance gate to the face of the porch of the inner gate *was* fifty cubits; <sup>16</sup>and latticed windows *were* to the rooms and to their pillars inside the gate all around. And to *each* pillar *were* palm trees.

<sup>17</sup>And he brought me into the outer court, and lo, chambers, and a pavement made for the court all around. Thirty rooms *were* on the pavement. <sup>18</sup>And the pavement by the side of the gates to equal the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement. <sup>19</sup>And he measured the breadth from the front of the lower gate to the



front of the inner court on the outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward. <sup>20</sup>And the gate which faces the way of the north of the outer court, he measured its length and its breadth. <sup>21</sup>And its rooms *were* three from here and three from there. And its pillars and its porches were according to the first measure. Its length *was* fifty cubits, and its breadth, twenty-five cubits. <sup>22</sup>And their windows, and their porches, and their palm trees, were according to the measure of the gate facing the east. And they went up to it by seven steps; and its porches *were* before them. <sup>23</sup>And the gate of the inner court was across from the gate toward the north and toward the east. And he measured from gate to gate, a hundred cubits. <sup>24</sup>And he led me southward, and behold a gate southward. And he measured its pillars and its porches according to these measures. <sup>25</sup>And there *were* windows in it and in its porches all around, like those windows. The length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth, twenty-five cubits. And there were seven steps to go up to it, and its porches *were* before them. <sup>26</sup>And it had palm trees, one from here and another from there, on its pillars. <sup>27</sup>And there *was* a gate in the inner court southward. And he measured from gate to gate southward, a hundred cubits. <sup>28</sup>And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. And he measured the south gate according to these measures, <sup>29</sup>and its rooms and its pillars and its porches according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in its porches all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. <sup>30</sup>And the porches all around *were* twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide. <sup>31</sup>And its porches *were* toward the outer court; and palm trees on its pillars. And its stairway *had* eight steps.

<sup>32</sup>And he brought me into the inner court eastward. And he measured the gate according to these measures. <sup>33</sup>And its rooms, and its pillars, and its porches, *were* measured according to these measures. And there *were* windows in it and in its porches all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. <sup>34</sup>And its porches *were* toward the outer court. And palm trees were on its pillars, from here, and from there. And its stairway *had* eight steps.

<sup>35</sup>And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures; <sup>36</sup>its rooms, its pillars, and its porches, and its windows all around. The length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits. <sup>37</sup>And its pillars *were* toward the outer court. And palm trees were on its pillars, from here and from there. And its stairway *had* eight steps. <sup>38</sup>And the chamber and its door *were* by the pillars of the gates; they washed the burnt offering there. <sup>39</sup>And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables from here and two tables from there, for the slaughtering of the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering. <sup>40</sup>And to the side outside, as one goes up to the door of the gate northward *were* two tables; and on the other side at the porch of the gate, two tables. <sup>41</sup>Four tables *were* from here, and four tables *were* from there, by the side of the gate: eight tables; they slaughter on them. <sup>42</sup>And the four tables for burnt offering *were* of cut stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high. They also rested on them the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

<sup>43</sup>And the double hooks *of* one span were fastened in the house all around, and on the tables the flesh of the offering. <sup>44</sup>And from the outside to the inner court *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate. And their face *was* southward: one at the side of the east gate looked the way of the north. <sup>45</sup>And he said to me, This chamber facing southward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. <sup>46</sup>And the chamber facing northward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar. They *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, who come near the LORD to minister to

Him. <sup>47</sup>And he measured the court, a square, a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide; and the altar *was* before the house. <sup>48</sup>And he brought me to the porch of the house and measured each pillar of the porch, five cubits from here and five cubits from there. And the gate *was* three cubits wide from here and three cubits from there. <sup>49</sup>The porch *was* twenty cubits long, and eleven cubits wide. And he brought me by the steps by which they went up to it. And columns *were* by the pillars, one from here and another from there.

#### CHAPTER 41

<sup>1</sup>And he brought me to the temple and measured the pillars, six cubits wide from here and six cubits wide from there, which *was* the breadth of the tabernacle. <sup>2</sup>And the breadth of the door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door, five cubits from here, and five cubits from there. And he measured its length, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. <sup>3</sup>And he went inside and measured the pillar of the door, two cubits; and the door *was* six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits. <sup>4</sup>And he measured its length, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple. And he said to me, This *is* the Holy of Holies.

<sup>5</sup>And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of *each* side room *was* four cubits, all around the house on every side. <sup>6</sup>And the side chambers *were* a side chamber over a side chamber, three *stories*, and thirty times. And *they* entered the wall of the house for the side chambers all around, that they might be fastened, for they were not fastened to the wall of the house. <sup>7</sup>And *there was* a widening, and a winding upwards *and* upwards to the side chambers. For the winding around of the house *went* upward *and* upward, all around the house. On account of this the width of the house *went* upward, and so *from* the lowest it went up to the highest by the middle *story*. <sup>8</sup>I also saw the height of the house all around. The foundations of the side rooms *were* a full reed, six large cubits by joining. <sup>9</sup>The width of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber to the outside, *was* five cubits, and what *was* left between the side chambers that *were* of the house. <sup>10</sup>And between the chambers *was* the width of twenty cubits, circling the house all around. <sup>11</sup>And the doors of the side chamber *were* toward the open space, one door northward and one door southward. And the width of the place of the open space *was* five cubits all around. <sup>12</sup>And the building that *was* before the separate place at the end of the way of the west *was* seventy cubits wide. And the wall of the building *was* five cubits wide all around, and its length, ninety cubits.

<sup>13</sup>And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long. And the separate place, and the building, and its wall, *were* a hundred cubits long. <sup>14</sup>And the width of the front of the house and of the separate place eastward *was* a hundred cubits. <sup>15</sup>And he measured the length of the building to the front of the separate place which *was* behind it; and its gallery from here and from there, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple and the porches of the court, <sup>16</sup>the thresholds, and the latticed narrow windows, and the galleries all around, their three *stories* across from the threshold, *with* wood panelings all around, and *from* the ground up to the windows; and the windows *were* covered; <sup>17</sup>to that above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall around inside and outside, by measure. <sup>18</sup>And it was made *with* cherubs and palm trees, and a palm tree *was* between cherub and cherub. And each cherub *had* two faces, <sup>19</sup>the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree from here, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree from there. It *was* made through all the house all around. <sup>20</sup>From the ground to above the door *were* cherubs and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple. <sup>21</sup>The temple doorposts *were* squared, and the face of the sanctuary. The looks of the one *was* like the looks of the other. <sup>22</sup>The altar of wood *was* three

cubits high, and its length two cubits. And its corners, and its length, and its walls, *were* of wood. And he said to me, This *is* the table that *is* before the LORD.<sup>23</sup> And the temple and the sanctuary *had* two doors.<sup>24</sup> And two doors *were* to *each* of the doors, two turning doors, two for the one door, and two for the other door.<sup>25</sup> And on them, on the temple doors, *were* made cherubs and palm trees like those made on the walls, and thick wood on the face of the porch outside.<sup>26</sup> And latticed windows, and palm trees, *were* from here and from there, on the sides of the porch, and on the side chambers of the house, and wooden *canopies*.

#### CHAPTER 42

<sup>1</sup>And he brought me out into the outer court, the way northward. And he brought me into the chamber that *was* across from the separate place and which *was* in front of the building to the north.<sup>2</sup> Before the length of a hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the width *was* fifty cubits.<sup>3</sup> Across from the twenty cubits which *were* for the inner court, and across from the pavement which *was* for the outer court, gallery *was* on gallery in three *stories*.<sup>4</sup> And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits width inward, a way of one cubit. And their doors *were* northward.<sup>5</sup> And the upper chambers *were* shorter; for the galleries used up more *space* than the lower and middle ones in the building.<sup>6</sup> For they *were* in three *stories*, but there *were* no columns to them like the columns of the courts. So the *third story* *was* made narrower than the lower and the middle *stories* from the ground.<sup>7</sup> And the wall that *was* outside near the chambers, toward the outer court on the front of the chambers, its length *was* fifty cubits.<sup>8</sup> For the length of the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits. And lo, in front of the temple *was* a hundred cubits.<sup>9</sup> And under these chambers *was* the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court,<sup>10</sup> in the width of the wall of the court eastward, to the front of the separate area, and to the front of the building *were* chambers.<sup>11</sup> And the way in front of them looked like the chambers which *were* northward, as their length, so their width. And all their exits *were* as their patterns, and as their doors.<sup>12</sup> And as the doors of the chambers that *were* southward *was* a door in the head of the way, even the way directly in front of the wall eastward, as one enters them.

<sup>13</sup>And he said to me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers which *are* in front of the separate place, they *are* holy chambers, where the priests who approach to the LORD shall eat the most holy *things*. There they shall lay the most holy *things*, and the food offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering. For the place *is* holy.<sup>14</sup> When the priests enter, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but they shall lay their clothes there by which they minister in them, for they *are* holy. And they shall put on other clothes, and shall approach that *which is* for the people.<sup>15</sup> And he finished measuring the inner house; he brought me out the way of the gate whose view *is* eastward, and measured all around.<sup>16</sup> He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed, all around.<sup>17</sup> He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around.<sup>18</sup> He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.<sup>19</sup> He turned to the west side, measuring five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.<sup>20</sup> He measured it by the four sides. It had a wall all around, five hundred long, and five hundred wide, to make a separation between the holy place and the common place.

#### CHAPTER 43

<sup>1</sup>And he led me to the gate, the gate that faces eastward.<sup>2</sup> And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. And the earth shone with His glory.<sup>3</sup> And it looked the

same as the vision which I saw, even according to the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. And the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup>And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose view is eastward. <sup>5</sup>And the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner chamber. And behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. <sup>6</sup>And I heard Him speaking to me from the house. And standing by me was a Man. <sup>7</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, the house of Israel shall no more defile the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel forever; neither they, nor their kings, by their fornication, nor by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places. <sup>8</sup>In their setting of their doorstep by My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost; and the wall between Me and them, they have even defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have done. And I have consumed them in My anger. <sup>9</sup>Now *let* them put away their fornication, and the dead bodies of their kings from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

<sup>10</sup>You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities. And let them measure *its* size. <sup>11</sup>And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, the form of the house, and its arrangement, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, make known to them. And write them before their eyes, so that they may observe all its form, and all its statutes, and do them. <sup>12</sup>This is the law of the house. On the top of the mountain *is* all its border, all around, most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

<sup>13</sup>And these *are* the measures of the altar by the cubit. The cubit *is* a cubit and a span; even the base *shall be* a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border by its edge all around *shall be* a span. And this *is* the upper part of the altar. <sup>14</sup>And from the base *on* the ground even to the lower ledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit. And from the smaller ledge even to the greater ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width one cubit. <sup>15</sup>And the altar hearth *shall be* four cubits, and from the altar hearth and upward *shall be* four horns. <sup>16</sup>And the altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve wide, square in its four sides. <sup>17</sup>And the ledge *shall be* fourteen long and fourteen wide in its four sides. And the border around it *shall be* half a cubit, and its base a cubit around. And its steps *shall* face eastward.

<sup>18</sup>And He said to me, Son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah: These *are* the statutes of the altar in the day of its being made to offer on it burnt offerings, and to sprinkle blood on it. <sup>19</sup>And you shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests the Levites, who are of *the* seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>20</sup>And you shall take of its blood and put *it* on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around. So you shall cleanse and purge it. <sup>21</sup>You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and he shall burn *it* in the appointed *place* of the house, outside the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup>And on the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering. And they shall cleanse the altar as they cleansed *it* with the bull. <sup>23</sup>And when you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish and a ram out of the flock without blemish. <sup>24</sup>And you shall offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>25</sup>Every day *for* seven days you shall prepare a goat *for* a sin offering. They also shall prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. <sup>26</sup>Seven days they shall purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves. <sup>27</sup>And when these days are expired, it shall be that on the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings before the altar, and your peace offerings. And I will accept you, says the Lord Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 44

<sup>1</sup>And he brought me back by the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary which looks eastward. And it *was* shut. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it. Because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. <sup>3</sup>It is for the ruler; the ruler shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD. He shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the same way.

<sup>4</sup>And He brought me by the way of the north gate before the house. And I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. And I fell on my face. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to me, Son of man, note carefully: see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all its laws. And set your heart to the entrance of the house, with all the exits of the sanctuary. <sup>6</sup>And you shall say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, This says the Lord Jehovah: O house of Israel, let it be more than enough for you, of all your hateful deeds, <sup>7</sup>that you have brought strangers, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to profane it, *even* My house, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood. And they have broken My covenant because of all your abominations. <sup>8</sup>And you have not kept the charge of My holy things, but you have set keepers of My charge in My sanctuary for themselves.

<sup>9</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Alien sons, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, shall not enter into My sanctuary, or any sons of an alien among the sons of Israel. <sup>10</sup>But the Levites who have gone far away from Me, when Israel went astray; those who went astray from Me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. <sup>11</sup>Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house and ministering to the house. They shall kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. <sup>12</sup>Because they ministered to them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have lifted up My hand against them, says the Lord Jehovah, and they shall bear their iniquity. <sup>13</sup>And they shall not come near Me, to do the office of a priest to Me, nor to come near any of My holy things, in the most holy place; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. <sup>14</sup>But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

<sup>15</sup>But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me, and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>16</sup>They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table, to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.

<sup>17</sup>And when they enter in at the gates of the court, they shall be clothed with linen clothing. And no wool shall come on them while they serve in the gates of the inner court, and inside. <sup>18</sup>Turbans of bleached *linen* shall be on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their loins. They shall not clothe themselves with anything that causes sweat. <sup>19</sup>And when they go out into the outer court, even into the outer court of the people, they shall put off their clothes in which they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers. And they shall put on other clothes, so that they shall not sanctify the people with their own clothes. <sup>20</sup>Nor shall they shave their heads nor allow their hair to grow long; they shall only trim their heads. <sup>21</sup>Nor shall any priest drink wine when they enter the inner court. <sup>22</sup>Nor shall they take for their wives a widow nor her who is put away. But they

shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who had a priest before.

<sup>23</sup>And they shall teach My people to discern between the holy and common, and between the unclean and the clean. <sup>24</sup>And in a dispute they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to My judgments. And they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My assemblies, and they shall keep My sabbaths holy. <sup>25</sup>And he shall not come near any dead person to defile himself; but he may defile themselves for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband. <sup>26</sup>And after he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him. <sup>27</sup>And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>28</sup>And it shall be to them for an inheritance. I am their inheritance. And you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. <sup>29</sup>They shall eat the food offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. <sup>30</sup>And the first of all the first-fruits of all, and every offering of all, of every kind of your sacrifices, shall be the priest's. You shall also give the priest the first of your dough, so that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house. <sup>31</sup>The priests shall not eat of anything that died of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or animal.

#### CHAPTER 45

<sup>1</sup>And, when you make fall the land by lot for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to the LORD, a holy portion of the land. The length shall be twenty-five thousand cubits long, and the width ten thousand. It shall be holy in all its borders all around. <sup>2</sup>Of this there shall be five hundred by five hundred cubits for the sanctuary, square all around; and fifty cubits around shall be for its open space. <sup>3</sup>And from this measure you shall measure the length of twenty-five thousand, and the width of ten thousand. And in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place. <sup>4</sup>It is the holy portion of the land for the priests, it shall be for the ministers of the sanctuary who come near to minister to the LORD. And it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. <sup>5</sup>And the twenty-five thousand cubits in length, and the ten thousand in width, shall also be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, for themselves for a possession, twenty rooms.

<sup>6</sup>And you shall give the possession of the city, five thousand cubits wide, and twenty-five thousand long, beside the offering of the holy portion. It shall be for the whole house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And a portion shall be for the ruler from here and from there, for the heave offering of the holy place, and of the possession of the city, in front of the heave offering of the holy place, and to the front of the city's possession, from the west side westward and from the east side eastward. And the length shall be alongside one of the portions, from the west border to the east border. <sup>8</sup>It shall be for a land to him, for a possession in Israel; and My rulers shall never again oppress My people. And they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

<sup>9</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: Enough for you, O rulers of Israel. Remove violence and spoil, and do judgment and justice. Take away your demands on My people, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>10</sup>You shall have a just balance, a just ephah and a just bath. <sup>11</sup>The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer. Its measure shall be according to the homer. <sup>12</sup>And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh. <sup>13</sup>This is the heave offering that you shall offer: the sixth of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and the sixth of an ephah of a homer of barley. <sup>14</sup>And as to the statute of oil, the bath

of oil, you shall offer the tenth of a bath out of the cor, which is a homer of ten baths; for ten baths are a homer; <sup>15</sup>and one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pasture of Israel; for a food offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>16</sup>All the people of the land shall be at the heave offering for the ruler in Israel. <sup>17</sup>And it shall be the ruler's part to give burnt offerings and food offerings and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering and the food offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: In the first *month*, in the first of the month, you shall take a perfect bull and cleanse the sanctuary. <sup>19</sup>And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the inner court. <sup>20</sup>And so you shall do on the seventh of the month for each man who goes astray, and for the simple. So you shall atone for the house. <sup>21</sup>In the first *month*, on the fourteenth of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days. Unleavened *bread* shall be eaten. <sup>22</sup>And on that day the ruler shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. <sup>23</sup>And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams, perfect ones, daily for the seven days, and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering. <sup>24</sup>And he shall prepare a food offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah. <sup>25</sup>In the seventh *month*, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast he shall prepare like these seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the food offering, and according to the oil.

#### CHAPTER 46

<sup>1</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: The gate of the inner court that faces eastward shall be shut the six working days. But on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. <sup>2</sup>And the ruler shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate outside, and shall stand by the gatepost. And the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. And he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. <sup>3</sup>And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and in the new moons. <sup>4</sup>And the burnt offering that the ruler shall offer to the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six perfect lambs and a perfect ram. <sup>5</sup>And the food offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the food offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. <sup>6</sup>And in the day of the new moon it shall be a perfect bull, and six lambs, and a ram. They shall be perfect. <sup>7</sup>And he shall prepare a food offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as his hand shall be able to get, and a hin of oil to an ephah. <sup>8</sup>And when the ruler shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and by its way he shall go out. <sup>9</sup>But when the people of the land come before the LORD in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate. And he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate. He shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall leave opposite it.

<sup>10</sup>And the ruler shall go in among them when they go in. And when they go out, he shall go out. <sup>11</sup>And in the feasts and in the appointed feasts the food offering shall be an ephah to a bull, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able

to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.<sup>12</sup> And when the ruler shall prepare a free-will burnt offering or peace offerings willingly to the LORD, one shall then open to him the gate that faces eastward, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the Sabbath day. And he shall go out. And after his going out, one shall shut the gate.<sup>13</sup> You shall daily prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, a perfect lamb of the first year. You shall prepare it every morning.<sup>14</sup> And you shall prepare a food offering for it every morning, the sixth of an ephah, and the third of a hin of oil, to make the fine flour moist; a food offering every day by an ordinance forever to the LORD.<sup>15</sup> So they shall prepare the lamb, and the food offering, and the oil, every morning for a burnt offering continually.

<sup>16</sup> So says the Lord Jehovah: If the ruler gives a gift to any of his sons, the inheritance of it shall be his sons'; it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.<sup>17</sup> But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty. Afterwards, it shall return to the ruler, but his inheritance *shall be* his sons' for them.<sup>18</sup> And the ruler shall not take of the people's inheritance by cruelty, to press them out of their possession. But he shall give his sons their inheritance out of his own possession; so that My people may not be scattered, each man from his possession.

<sup>19</sup> And he brought me through the entry which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, facing north. And behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.<sup>20</sup> And he said to me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the food offering, so that they may not bear them out into the outer court to sanctify the people.<sup>21</sup> And *he led* me out into the outer court and he made me pass by the four corners of the court. And behold, in every corner of the court there *was* a court.<sup>22</sup> In the four corners of the court *were* enclosed courts, forty cubits long and thirty wide, one measure to the four of them.<sup>23</sup> And a row *was* all around in them, all around the four of them. And boiling water *was* made under the rows all around.<sup>24</sup> And he said to me, These *are* the places of those who boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

#### CHAPTER 47

<sup>1</sup> And he led me again to the door of the house. And behold, water came out from under the threshold of the house eastward. For the front of the house *is* east, and the water came down from under the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar.<sup>2</sup> And he led me out by the way of the north gate, and led me around the way outside to the outer gate, by the way facing the east. And behold, water *was* trickling out of the right side.

<sup>3</sup> When the man went out eastward, and a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits. And he passed me through the water. The water *was* to the ankles.<sup>4</sup> And he measured a thousand cubits, and passed me through the water, water *to* the knees. And he measured a thousand, and passed me through water *to* the loins.<sup>5</sup> And he measured a thousand; *and there was* a torrent which I *was* not able to pass; for the water had risen, water to swim *in*, a torrent that could not be passed.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen? And he led me, and caused me to return to the torrent of the edge.<sup>7</sup> And when I returned, then behold, on the edge of the torrent *were* very many trees, from here and from there.<sup>8</sup> And he said to me, These *waters* go out toward the eastern circuit, and go down into the Arabah, and go into the sea. They are brought out into the sea, and the waters shall be healed.<sup>9</sup> And it shall be that every living soul which swarms in *every place*, there where the two torrents go, *that soul* shall live. And there shall be very many



fish, because these waters shall come there. And they shall be healed. And all shall live where the torrent goes. <sup>10</sup>And it will be, the fishermen shall stand on it from En-ge-di even to En-eglaim, a spreading place for nets shall be there. Their fish shall be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many. <sup>11</sup>Its swamps and its marshes shall not even be healed; they shall be given to salt. <sup>12</sup>And all trees for food shall go up by the torrent, on its bank on this *side*, and on that *side*. Its leaf shall not fade, nor its fruit fail. It will bear by its months, because its waters come out from the sanctuary. And its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing.

<sup>13</sup>So says the Lord Jehovah: This *shall be* the border by which you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have* two parts. <sup>14</sup>And you shall inherit it, each man like his brother, that I lifted up My hand to give to your fathers; even this land shall fall to you for an inheritance. <sup>15</sup>And this is the border of the land to the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad; <sup>16</sup>Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. <sup>17</sup>And the border shall be from the sea to Hazer-enan, at the border of Damascus and the north northward, even the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side. <sup>18</sup>And you shall measure the east side from between Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and the land of Israel, *shall be* the Jordan, from the border to the Eastern Sea. And *this is* the east side. <sup>19</sup>And the south side, southward from Tamar, to the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, the torrent to the Great Sea. And *this is* the south side southward. <sup>20</sup>And the west side is the Great Sea from the border until *one is* beside the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

<sup>21</sup>And you shall divide this land for yourselves by the tribes of Israel. <sup>22</sup>And it will be, you shall make it fall by lot for an inheritance to yourselves, and to the strangers who live among you, who shall father sons among you. And they shall be to you as native-born among the sons of Israel. They shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be, in the tribe in which the stranger resides, there you shall give his inheritance, says the Lord Jehovah.

#### CHAPTER 48

<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the names of the tribes. From the north end, at the hand of the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazer-enon, the border of Damascus northward, at the hand of Hamath. And there shall be to it an east side *and* a west: *one part* for Dan. <sup>2</sup>And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, *one part* for Asher. <sup>3</sup>And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, *one part* for Naphtali. <sup>4</sup>And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, *one part* for Manasseh. <sup>5</sup>And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, *one part* for Ephraim. <sup>6</sup>And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, *one part* for Reuben. <sup>7</sup>And by the border of Reuben from the east side to the west side, *one part* for Judah. <sup>8</sup>And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the heave offering which you shall offer: twenty-five thousand cubits wide and long, from the east side to the west side. And the sanctuary shall be in its middle. <sup>9</sup>The heave offering that you shall offer to the LORD *shall be* twenty-five thousand cubits long, and ten thousand cubits wide. <sup>10</sup>And for these shall be the holy heave offering for the priests; northward, twenty-five thousand; and westward ten thousand wide; and eastward ten thousand wide, and southward twenty-five thousand long. And the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the middle of it, <sup>11</sup>for the priests who are sanctified, of the sons of Zadek, who have kept My charge,

who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. <sup>12</sup>And the heave offering shall be theirs, from the heave offering of the land, the holiest of the holy places, by the border of the Levites.

<sup>13</sup>And the Levites *shall have* alongside the border of the priests twenty-five thousand *cubits* long, and ten thousand wide. All the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand, and the width ten thousand. <sup>14</sup>And they shall not sell *any* of it, nor trade it, nor cause the first-fruits of the land to pass away. For *it is* holy to the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>And the five thousand that are left in the width in front of the twenty-five thousand *shall be* common for the city, for dwelling and for open land. And the city shall be in her midst. <sup>16</sup>And these *shall be* its measures: the north side, four thousand and five hundred; and the south side, four thousand and five hundred; and on the east side, four thousand and five hundred; and the west side, four thousand and five hundred. <sup>17</sup>And the open land of the city shall be northward two hundred and fifty, and southward two hundred and fifty; and eastward, two hundred and fifty; and westward, two hundred and fifty. <sup>18</sup>And the rest in length alongside the heave offering of the holy *parts shall be* ten thousand eastward and ten thousand westward. And it shall be alongside the heave offering of the holy *part*. And its produce shall be for bread to those who serve the city. <sup>19</sup>And he who serves the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. <sup>20</sup>All the heave offering *shall be* twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand, four-square. You shall offer the holy heave offering to the possession of the city. <sup>21</sup>And the rest shall be for the ruler, on this *side*, and on that *side* of the holy heave offering, and of the possession of the city, in the front of the twenty-five thousand of the heave offering to the east border, and westward in the front of the twenty-five thousand to the west border, alongside the lots for the ruler. And it shall be the holy heave offering. And the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in her midst. <sup>22</sup>And to the ruler shall be from the possessions of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, amidst *that which is* for the ruler; between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the ruler. <sup>23</sup>And the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one *part*. <sup>24</sup>And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one *part*. <sup>25</sup>And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one *part*. <sup>26</sup>And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one *part*. <sup>27</sup>And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one *part*. <sup>28</sup>And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, and to the torrent toward the Great Sea. <sup>29</sup>This *is* the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their parts, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>30</sup>And these *are* the exits of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. <sup>31</sup>And the gates of the city *shall be* by the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward, one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. <sup>32</sup>And at the east side four thousand and five hundred, and three gates: and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. <sup>33</sup>And the south side, four thousand and five hundred measures, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. <sup>34</sup>The west side, four thousand and five hundred, their gates three: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. <sup>35</sup>All around it *shall be* eighteen thousand *cubits*. And the name of the city from *that day is* JEHOVAH IS THERE.

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and lay siege to it. <sup>2</sup>And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

<sup>3</sup>And the king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs that he should bring *some* of the sons of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the rulers — <sup>4</sup>sons in whom was no blemish, but who were handsome and skillful in all wisdom; and who had knowledge and understanding, even those who were able to stand in the king's palace, and to whom they might teach the writing and the language of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup>And the king gave them the portion of a day in its day from the king's food, and the wine which he drank, even to rear them three years, so that at their end they might stand before the king. <sup>6</sup>And among them were four of the sons of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>7</sup>to whom the ruler of the eunuchs gave names. For he called Daniel, Belteshazzar; and Hananiah, Shadrach; and Mishael, of Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup>But Daniel laid on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank. So he asked permission of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. <sup>9</sup>And God had given Daniel kindness and compassion before the chief of the eunuchs. <sup>10</sup>And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has chosen your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the boys who *are* of your kind? Then you would forfeit my head to the king. <sup>11</sup>And Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup>I beg you, try your servants ten days. And let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>Then let our faces be seen before you, our look and the look of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, deal with your servants. <sup>14</sup>So he listened to them in this matter, and tried them for ten days. <sup>15</sup>And at the end of ten days their faces looked fairer and fatter in flesh than all the boys who had eaten the king's food. <sup>16</sup>So Melzar took away their part of the food, and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

<sup>17</sup>As for these four boys, God gave them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom. And Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. <sup>18</sup>And at the end of the days that the king had said he would bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>And the king talked with them. And among them all were found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they stood before the king. <sup>20</sup>And in *any* matters of wisdom and understanding that the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the horoscopists *and* conjurers who *were* in all his kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And Daniel continued to the first year of king Cyrus.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And in the second year of the reign of king Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, with which his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. <sup>2</sup>And the king commanded to call the horoscopists, and the conjurers, and to the sorcerers, and to the Chaldeans, to tell to the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. <sup>3</sup>And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. <sup>4</sup>And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, O king, live forever. Tell your servants the dream, and we will reveal

the meaning. <sup>5</sup>The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing has gone from me. If you will not make known to me the dream, with its meaning, you will be made into *mere* members, and your houses shall be made an outhouse. <sup>6</sup>But if you make known the dream and its meaning, you shall receive gifts and a present and great honor from me. Therefore reveal to me the dream and its meaning. <sup>7</sup>They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will reveal its meaning. <sup>8</sup>The king answered and said, I know that you surely want to gain time, because you see the thing *is* gone from me. <sup>9</sup>But if you will not make the dream known to me, *there is only* one judgment for you. For you have prepared lying and deceiving words to speak before me, until the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can reveal to me its meaning.

<sup>10</sup>The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, There is not a man on the earth who can reveal the king's matter, because not any king, lord, nor ruler has asked such a thing from any horoscopist or conjurer or Chaldean. <sup>11</sup>And *it is* a rare thing that the king asks, and there is no other who can reveal it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. <sup>12</sup>For this cause the king was enraged and angered, and commanded all the wise *men* of Babylon to be destroyed. <sup>13</sup>And the law went out that the wise *men* should be killed. And they sought Daniel and his fellows to be killed.

<sup>14</sup>Then Daniel answered *with* counsel and insight to Arioch the chief of the king's executioners, who had gone forth to kill the wise *men* of Babylon. <sup>15</sup>He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. <sup>16</sup>Then Daniel went in and asked of the king that he would give him time, and that he would make known the meaning to the king. <sup>17</sup>Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might pray for the mercies of God in Heaven concerning this secret, <sup>18</sup>that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

<sup>19</sup>Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. And Daniel blessed the God of Heaven. <sup>20</sup>Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might *are* His. <sup>21</sup>And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. <sup>22</sup>He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. <sup>23</sup>I thank You, and praise You, O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and have made known to me now what we asked of You. For You have *now* made known to us the king's matter.

<sup>24</sup>Then Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had chosen to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said this to him; Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will declare the meaning to the king. <sup>25</sup>Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel in before the king, and said to him I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make the meaning known to the king. <sup>26</sup>The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its meaning? <sup>27</sup>Daniel answered before the king and said, The secret which the king has demanded cannot be shown to the king by the wise *men*, the conjurers, the horoscopists, *or* the fortune-tellers. <sup>28</sup>But there is a God in Heaven who reveals secrets and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed were these. <sup>29</sup>As for you, O king, your thoughts came on your bed, what should happen after this. And He who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall happen. <sup>30</sup>But as for me, this

secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living man, but so that the meaning might be known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

<sup>31</sup>You, O king, were seeing. And, behold! A great image! That great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you. And its form was dreadful. <sup>32</sup>This image's head *was* of fine gold; his breast and his arms *were* of silver; his belly and his thighs *were* of bronze; <sup>33</sup>his legs *were* of iron; his feet *were* part of iron and part of clay. <sup>34</sup>You watched until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image upon its feet *which were* of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. <sup>35</sup>Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken to pieces together. And they became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup>This *is* the dream. And we will tell its meaning before the king. <sup>37</sup>You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. <sup>38</sup>And wherever the sons of men, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens live, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You *are* this head of gold. <sup>39</sup>And after you shall arise another kingdom lower than you, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. <sup>40</sup>And the fourth kingdom shall be *as* strong as iron. Since iron crushes and smashes all things; and *as* the iron that shatters all these, it will crush and shatter. <sup>41</sup>And as to that which you saw: the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron; the kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. <sup>42</sup>And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. <sup>43</sup>And as you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix themselves with the seed of men. But they shall not cling to one another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. <sup>44</sup>And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other peoples, *but* it shall crush and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. <sup>45</sup>Because you saw that *the* stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it crushes the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what shall occur in the future. And the dream is certain, and its meaning is sure.

<sup>46</sup>Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and worshiped Daniel, and he commanded to offer an offering and incense to him. <sup>47</sup>The king answered Daniel and said, It is true that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret. <sup>48</sup>Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over all the province of Babylon, and chief of the prefects over all these wise *men* of Babylon. <sup>49</sup>And Daniel asked the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the justices; and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. <sup>3</sup>Then were gathered the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the justices, and all the officials of the of the provinces, to the dedication of the image that

Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>4</sup>Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup>at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. <sup>6</sup>And whoever does not fall down and worship, at that moment they will be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. <sup>7</sup>Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

<sup>8</sup>Then at that time certain Chaldeans came near and accused the Jews. <sup>9</sup>They spoke and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever. <sup>10</sup>You, O king, have made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and the bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. <sup>11</sup>And whoever does not fall down and worship, he should be thrown into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup>There are men, Jews, whom you have set over the business of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, do not heed you. They do not serve your gods nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

<sup>13</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar in anger and wrath commanded them to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Do you not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready, at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, fall down and worship the image which I have made. But if you do not worship, in that moment you shall be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* that god who shall deliver you out of my hand? <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to return a word to you on this matter. <sup>17</sup>If it is *so that* our God whom we serve is able to deliver *us* from the burning fiery furnace, then He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and the form of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup>And he commanded mighty men who *were* in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to throw *them* into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup>Then these men were tied up in their slippers, their tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup>Then because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. <sup>24</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed. And he rose up in haste and spoke and said to his advisers, Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king. <sup>25</sup>He answered and said, Behold! I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and there is no harm among them. And the form of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods.

<sup>26</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar came near the door of the burning fiery furnace *and* spoke. He answered and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the most high God, come forth and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego, came forth from the middle of the fire.<sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's advisers gathered *and* saw these men on whose *bodies* the fire had no power (and the hair of their head was not scorched, nor were their slippers changed, nor had the smell of fire clung on them).<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Angel and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and have changed the king's words and has given their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any god except their own God.<sup>29</sup> And a decree is given by me, that every people, nation, and language, who speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be made into *mere* members, and his house shall be made an outhouse. Because there is no other God who can deliver in this way.<sup>30</sup> Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego prosper in the province of Babylon.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. <sup>2</sup>I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the high God has done with me. <sup>3</sup>How great *are* His signs! And how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His rule *is* from generation to generation.

<sup>4</sup>I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house and flourishing in my palace. <sup>5</sup>I saw a dream and it terrified me, and *the* thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. <sup>6</sup>So I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the meaning of the dream. <sup>7</sup>Then the horoscopists, the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers came in. And I told the dream before them, but they did not make its meaning known to me.

<sup>8</sup>But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And I told the dream before him, saying, <sup>9</sup>O Belteshazzar, master of the horoscopists, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its meaning. <sup>10</sup>As to the visions of my head on my bed: I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height *was* great. <sup>11</sup>The tree grew and was strong, and its height reached to the heavens; and the sight of it reached to the end of all the earth. <sup>12</sup>Its leaves *were* beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and in it *was* food for all, The animals of the field sought shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its boughs, and all flesh was fed by it. <sup>13</sup>I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from Heaven. <sup>14</sup>He cried aloud and said this, Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches; shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals get away from under it, and the birds from its branches. <sup>15</sup>But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* its portion *be* with the animals in the grass of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Let his heart be changed from man's, and let the heart of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. <sup>17</sup>This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will, and sets up over it the lowest of men. <sup>18</sup>I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen this dream. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its meaning, because all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make the meaning known to me. But you *are* able, for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you.

<sup>19</sup>Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stunned for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream is to those who hate you, and its meaning to your foes. <sup>20</sup>The tree that you saw, which became great and strong, whose height reached to the heavens, and the sight of it to all the earth; <sup>21</sup>whose leaves were fair, and its fruit plentiful, and in it was food for all, under which the animals of the field dwelt, and on whose branches the birds of the heavens had their home; <sup>22</sup>it is you, O king, who has grown and become strong. For your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your rule to the end of the earth. <sup>23</sup>And as the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from Heaven, and saying, Cut the tree down and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots of it in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him — <sup>24</sup>this is the meaning, O king, and this the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king. <sup>25</sup>They shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. And they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will. <sup>26</sup>And in that they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; your kingdom shall be sure to you after you have known that Heaven rules. <sup>27</sup>Therefore, O king, let my advice be pleasing to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, whether there will be duration to your prosperity.

<sup>28</sup>All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup>At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. <sup>30</sup>The king spoke and said, Is this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty? <sup>31</sup>While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from Heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken. The kingdom has departed from you. <sup>32</sup>And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will. <sup>33</sup>The same hour the thing was fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar. And he was driven from men, and ate grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

<sup>34</sup>And at that time the days, I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up my eyes to Heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him who lives forever, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His rule is from generation to generation. <sup>35</sup>And all the people of the earth are counted as nothing; and He does according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the people of the earth. And none can strike His hand, or say to Him, What are You doing? <sup>36</sup>At that time my reason returned to me. And the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me. And my advisers and my lords came for me, and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. <sup>37</sup>Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and exalt and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth and His ways judgment. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. <sup>2</sup>When tasting the wine, Belshazzar commanded to



bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, that the king and his rulers, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God in Jerusalem. And the king, and his rulers, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. <sup>4</sup>They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

<sup>5</sup>At that moment fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace across from the lampstand. And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. <sup>6</sup>Then the king's face was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosened, and his knees knocked against one another. <sup>7</sup>The king cried aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers. The king spoke and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing, and show me its meaning, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold around his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>8</sup>Then all the king's wise *men* came in. But they could not read the writing, nor make the meaning known to the king. <sup>9</sup>Then king Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his face was changing in him, and his lords were perplexed.

<sup>10</sup>The queen came into the banquet house because of the king's words, and his lords. *And* the queen spoke and said, O king, live forever. Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed. <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. And in the days of your father there was found in him light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, king Nebuchadnezzar, your father the king, appointed him master of the horoscopes, conjurers, Chaldeans, *and* fortune-tellers, <sup>12</sup>because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, explaining of dreams, and revealing of hard sentences, and the unraveling of knots, were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will reveal the meaning. <sup>13</sup>Then Daniel was thrust in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, *Are* you that Daniel who *is* of the exiled sons of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? <sup>14</sup>I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods *is* in you, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup>And now the wise *men* and the conjurers have been thrust in before me, that they might read this writing and make the meaning known to me. But they could not declare the meaning of the thing. <sup>16</sup>And I have heard of you that you can interpret meanings and unravel knots. Now if you can read the writing, and reveal its meaning to me, you shall be clothed with scarlet and *have* a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and make the meaning known to him. <sup>18</sup>O king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor. <sup>19</sup>And for the majesty that He gave him, all people, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he would, and whom he would he kept alive. And whom he would, he set up; and whom he would, he put down. <sup>20</sup>But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was put down from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his glory from him. <sup>21</sup>And he was driven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the animals, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until he knew that the most high God rules in the kingdom of men, and that He appoints over it whomever He will. <sup>22</sup>And you his son, O Belshazzar,

have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this. <sup>23</sup>But you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And they have brought the vessels of His house before you; and you, and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, or bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know. And you have not glorified the God in whose hand your breath is, and to whom *belong* all your ways. <sup>24</sup>Then the part of the hand was sent from Him. And this writing was written.

<sup>25</sup>And this is the writing that was written, A MINA, A MINA, A SHEKEL, AND HALF-MINAS. <sup>26</sup>This is the meaning of the thing: A MINA, God has numbered your kingdom and finished it. <sup>27</sup>A SHEKEL, You are weighed in the balances and found wanting. <sup>28</sup>HALF-MINAS, Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. <sup>29</sup>Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet and a golden chain around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup>In that night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was killed. <sup>31</sup>And Darius the Mede took the kingdom, *being* a son of sixty-two years old.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, that they might be over the whole kingdom. <sup>2</sup>And over them *were* three presidents, (Daniel was one of them) so that these satraps might give account to them, and the king should have no loss. <sup>3</sup>Then this Daniel was made overseer of the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him. And the king was planning to set him over all the kingdom.

<sup>4</sup>Then the presidents and rulers sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could find no occasion or fault, because he *was* faithful. Neither was there any error or fault found in him. <sup>5</sup>Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God. <sup>6</sup>Then these presidents and rulers assembled to the king, and said this to him: King Darius, live forever. <sup>7</sup>All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, and the officials and governors, have planned together to establish a royal law, and to make a strong ban that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup>Now, O king, establish the ban and sign the writing, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians which cannot be changed. <sup>9</sup>Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the ban.

<sup>10</sup>And when he had learned that the document was signed, Daniel went to his house. And his windows *were* open in his room toward Jerusalem; and he kneeled on his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and confessing before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then they came near and spoke before the king concerning the king's ban. Have you not signed a ban that every man who shall ask a *petition* of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be thrown into the lion's den? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed. <sup>13</sup>Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who *is* of the exiled sons of Judah, has not respected you, O king, nor the ban that you have signed, but makes his prayer three times a day. <sup>14</sup>Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was very much displeased with himself. And he set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him. And he labored until sundown to deliver him. <sup>15</sup>Then these men met before the king and said to the

king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is* that no ban nor law which the king establishes may be changed. <sup>16</sup>Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw *him* into the lions' den. The king answered and said to Daniel, Your God, whom you always serve, will deliver you. <sup>17</sup>And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

<sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. And diversions were not brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. <sup>19</sup>Then the king arose very early in the morning and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup>And when he came to the den, he cried with a grieved voice to Daniel. The king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God whom you always serve able to deliver you from the lions? <sup>21</sup>Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever. <sup>22</sup>My God has sent His Angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me, because before Him purity was found in me. And also before you, O king, I have done no harm. <sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of hurt was found on him, because he trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup>And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they threw *them* into the lions' den; them, their sons, and their wives. And the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces before they came to the lower part of the den.

<sup>25</sup>Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages who dwell in all the earth. Peace be multiplied to you. <sup>26</sup>I make a decree that in all the domain of my kingdom men shall tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He *is* the living God, and endures forever, and His kingdom *is* that which shall not be destroyed, and His rule *shall be* to the end. <sup>27</sup>He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and in earth, He who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. <sup>28</sup>And this Daniel was blessed in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he wrote the dream *and* gave the sum of the matters. <sup>2</sup>Daniel spoke and said, In my vision by night I was looking; and behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea. <sup>3</sup>And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another. <sup>4</sup>The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on its feet like a man. And a man's heart was given to it. <sup>5</sup>And behold another beast, a second, like a bear. And it raised itself up on one side, and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said this to it: Arise, eat up much flesh. <sup>6</sup>After this I saw, and lo, another, like a leopard, which had four wings of a bird on its back. The beast also *had* four heads; and rulership was given to it. <sup>7</sup>After this I looked in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, fearful and terrible, and very strong. And *it had* great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with its feet. And *it was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup>I was thinking about the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom three of the first horns were pulled up by the roots. And behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a man speaking great things.

<sup>9</sup>I watched until the thrones were put down, and the Ancient of Days sat, whose robe *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool. His throne *was like* flames of fire, and His wheels *like* burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire went out and came out from before Him. A thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The judgment was set, and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup>Then I was looking because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning flame. <sup>12</sup>And the rest of the beasts, their dominion *was* taken away. Yet their lives were made longer for a season and time. <sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions, and behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup>And dominion and glory was given Him, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages, should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

<sup>15</sup>I Daniel was distressed in My spirit in its sheath, body, and the visions of my head troubled me. <sup>16</sup>And I came near one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the meaning of the things. <sup>17</sup>These four great beasts *are* four kings; they shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. <sup>19</sup>Then I wanted to know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, very frightening, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails *of* bronze; *who* devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with his feet; <sup>20</sup>and of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell — even *of* that horn that *had* eyes, and a mouth speaking very great things, whose look *was* greater than his fellows. <sup>21</sup>I watched, and that horn made war with the saints and overcame them <sup>22</sup>until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High. And the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. <sup>23</sup>And he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it and crush it. <sup>24</sup>And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall humble three kings. <sup>25</sup>And he shall speak *great* words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and plot to change times and laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. <sup>26</sup>But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his rulership, to cut off and to destroy *it* until the end. <sup>27</sup>And the kingdom and rulership, and the greatness of the kingdom under all the heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him. <sup>28</sup>Here *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts troubled me much, and my face changed on me. But I kept the matter in my heart.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. <sup>2</sup>And I looked in a vision. And it happened when I looked, I *was* at Shushan the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam. And in a vision I looked, and I was by the river of Ulai. <sup>3</sup>Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked. And behold, a ram with two horns stood before the river. And the *two* horns *were* high, but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last. <sup>4</sup>I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward; so that no beasts could stand before him, nor *any* that could deliver

out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great. <sup>5</sup>And as I was watching, behold, a he-goat came from the west, over the face of the all the earth, and did not touch the ground. And the goat *had* an outstanding horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup>And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to him in the fury of his power. <sup>7</sup>And I saw him come close beside the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground and stamped on him. And there was none who could deliver the ram out of his hand.

<sup>8</sup>Then the he-goat became very great. And when he was strong, the great horn was broken. And in its place came up four outstanding *ones* towards the four winds of the heavens. <sup>9</sup>And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which became very great, toward the south and toward the east and toward the bountiful land. <sup>10</sup>And it became great, *even* to the host of heaven. And it made fall *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. <sup>11</sup>Yea, he magnified himself, even to the ruler of the host, and the daily *sacrifice* was taken away by him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. <sup>12</sup>And an army was given to *him* against the daily *sacrifice* because of transgression, and it cast the truth down to the ground. And it worked and succeeded.

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that one who spoke, Until when *shall* the vision *last*, concerning the daily *sacrifice* and the transgression that astounds, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot? <sup>14</sup>And he said to me, For two thousand, three hundred days. Then the sanctuary shall be vindicated.

<sup>15</sup>And it happened when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me the form of a man. <sup>16</sup>And I heard a man's voice between *the banks* of Ulai, which called and said, Gabriel, make this one understand the vision. <sup>17</sup>So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was afraid and fell on my face. But he said to me, Understand, O son of man, for the vision *is* for the time of the end. <sup>18</sup>And as he was speaking with me, I was stunned, on my face toward the ground. But he touched me and set me upright. <sup>19</sup>And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall happen in the last end of the indignation. For *it is* for the time appointed for the end. <sup>20</sup>The ram which you saw having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup>And the shaggy goat *is* the king of Greece. And the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king. <sup>22</sup>And as for that being broken, and four stood up in its place; four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power. <sup>23</sup>And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king, fierce of face, and who understands hidden things, shall stand up. <sup>24</sup>And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and work, and destroy the mighty and the holy people. <sup>25</sup>And also through his understanding, he shall cause deceit to succeed in his hand. And he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many. He also shall stand up against the Ruler of rulers. But he shall be broken without a hand. <sup>26</sup>And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true. But you shall shut up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days. <sup>27</sup>And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *for* days. Afterward I rose up, and did the king's business. And I was amazed at the vision, but there was no understanding.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans, <sup>2</sup>in the first year of his reign, I,

Daniel, understood the number of the years by books, the time of which the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek by prayer and holy desires, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. <sup>4</sup>And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments — <sup>5</sup>we have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Your commandments and from Your judgments. <sup>6</sup>Neither have we listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our rulers, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup>O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us the shame of our faces, as it is today to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem, and to all Israel who *are* near and who *are* afar off, through all the countries where You have driven them because of their sin which they have sinned against You. <sup>8</sup>O Lord, shame of face *belongs* to us, to our kings, to our rulers, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You. <sup>9</sup>To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. <sup>10</sup>We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws which He set before us by His servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup>Yea, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and turned aside, that they might not obey Your voice. Therefore the curse has been poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him. <sup>12</sup>And He has confirmed His words which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil. For under all the heavens *it* has not been done as *it* has been done to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we did not make our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Your truth. <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD has watched over the evil, and has brought it on us. For the LORD our God *is* righteous in all His works which He does; for we did not obey His voice. <sup>15</sup>And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have brought fame to Yourself, as *it is* today, we have sinned, we have done wrong.

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I pray You, according to all Your righteousness let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain. Because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a curse to all those who are around us. <sup>17</sup>And now, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his holy desires, and cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. <sup>18</sup>O my God, bow down Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and behold our ruins, and the city which is called by Your name. For we do not present our prayers before You on account of our righteousnesses, but because of Your great mercies. <sup>19</sup>O LORD, hear; O LORD, forgive; O LORD, listen and do. Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God; for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.

<sup>20</sup>And while I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my cry before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God — <sup>21</sup>yes, while I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, touched me in my severe exhaustion, about the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup>And he enlightened *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come out to give *you* skill and understanding. <sup>23</sup>At the beginning of your prayers the commandment came out,

and I have come to show *you*. For *you* are greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and attend to the vision:

<sup>24</sup>Seventy weeks are divided as to your people and as to your holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. <sup>25</sup>Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going out of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, *shall be* seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. <sup>26</sup>And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not *for* Himself. And the people of the ruler who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it *shall be* with the flood, and ruins are determined, until the end *shall be* war. <sup>27</sup>And he shall confirm a covenant with many *for* one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and on a corner *of the altar* desolating abominations, even until *the* end. And that which was decreed shall be poured on the desolator.

### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. And the thing was true, but the time appointed was long. And he understood the thing, and *had* understanding of the vision. <sup>2</sup>In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. <sup>3</sup>I ate no food for delight, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

<sup>4</sup>And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Tigris, <sup>5</sup>then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz. <sup>6</sup>His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face looked like lightning. And his eyes *were* like lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet in color were like polished bronze, and the voice of his words like the sound of a multitude. <sup>7</sup>And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision. For the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, so that they fled to hide themselves. <sup>8</sup>Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me. For my beauty was turned within me to corruption, and I kept no strength. <sup>9</sup>Yet I heard the voice of his words. And when I heard the voice of his words, then I was in a deep sleep on my face, and my face *was* toward the ground.

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me, which set me shaking on my knees and the palms of my hands. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright. For to you I am now sent. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to chasten yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come for your words. <sup>13</sup>But the ruler of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But lo, Michael, one of the chief rulers, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup>Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is yet for *many* days. <sup>15</sup>And when he had spoken such words to me, I bowed my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

<sup>16</sup>And behold, *one* looking like the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, O my lord, my sorrows are turned on me by the vision, and I have kept no strength. <sup>17</sup>For how can the servant of my lord talk with my lord? For as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me, nor is there breath left in me. <sup>18</sup>Then again *one* like a man in

form came and touched me, and he made me stronger <sup>19</sup>and said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear. Peace to you; be strong; yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was made stronger and said, Let my lord speak; for you have made me stronger. <sup>20</sup>Then he said, Do you know why I come to you? And now I will return to fight with the ruler of Persia. And when I have gone out, lo, the ruler of Greece shall come. <sup>21</sup>But I will show you that which is written in the Scripture of Truth. And *there* is none who holds strongly with me in these things, but Michael your ruler.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I was standing for a supporter and for a fortress for him. <sup>2</sup>And now I will declare to you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia. And the fourth shall be far richer than all of *them*. And by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. <sup>3</sup>And a mighty king shall stand up, one who shall rule with great power and do according to his will. <sup>4</sup>And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken and shall be divided toward the four winds of the heavens. And it shall not be *given* to his sons, nor according to his power with which he ruled — for his kingdom shall be pulled up, even for others besides these.

<sup>5</sup>And the king of the south shall be strong. And *one* of his rulers, even he shall overcome him and have power. His kingdom *shall be* a great kingdom. <sup>6</sup>And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make a treaty. But she shall not keep the power of the arm. Nor shall he stand, nor his arm. But she shall be given up, and those who brought her in, and he whom she bore, and he who made her strong in *these* times. <sup>7</sup>But out of a branch of her roots, one shall stand up *in* his place, who shall come with an army and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north. And he shall act against them, and show himself strong. <sup>8</sup>And he shall also carry their gods captives into Egypt, with their rulers *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold. And he shall stand *more* years than the king of the north. <sup>9</sup>So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land. <sup>10</sup>But his sons shall be stirred up and shall gather a multitude of great forces. And *one* shall certainly come and overflow, and pass through. Then he shall return and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

<sup>11</sup>And the king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come out and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north. And he shall send out a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. <sup>12</sup>And when he has taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up. And he shall cast down many ten thousands, but he shall not be made stronger. <sup>13</sup>For the king of the north shall return, and shall send out a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. <sup>14</sup>And in those times there shall stand up many against the king of the south. Also the robbers of your people shall lift themselves up to establish *the* vision, but they shall fall. <sup>15</sup>So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a siege mound, and take the most fenced cities. And the arms of the south shall not hold out, nor his chosen people, nor any strength to hold out. <sup>16</sup>But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, which shall be destroyed by his hand. <sup>17</sup>He also shall set his face to enter with the strength of all his kingdom, and upright ones with him. So he shall do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to him, to destroy it; but she shall not stand, nor be for him.



<sup>18</sup>And he shall turn his face to the coasts, and shall capture many. But a ruler shall make cease his reproach for him, but his reproach will return to him. <sup>19</sup>And he shall turn his face to the fortresses of his land. But he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found. <sup>20</sup>And one who sends an exactor shall stand in his place, for the glory of the kingdom. But within few days he shall be broken, not in anger nor in battle. <sup>21</sup>And a despised one shall stand up in his place, and they shall not give to him the honor of the king; but he will enter while at ease and seize the kingdom by intrigues. <sup>22</sup>And the forces of the overflow will be swept from before him, and they will be broken, and also the ruler of a covenant. <sup>23</sup>And after they join him, he will practice deceit. For he will come and be strong with a few people. <sup>24</sup>He shall enter safely, even into the rich places of the province. And he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. He shall plunder and scatter goods among them. And he shall devise his plots against the strongholds, even for a time. <sup>25</sup>And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army, but he shall not stand. For they shall devise plots against him. <sup>26</sup>Yea, those who eat his food shall break him, and his army shall overflow. And many shall fall down slain. <sup>27</sup>And both these kings' hearts shall be to do evil, and they shall speak lies at one table. But it shall not succeed. For the end comes at the time appointed. <sup>28</sup>And he shall return to his land with great riches. And his heart shall be against the holy covenant. And he will act, And he shall return to his land.

<sup>29</sup>At the time appointed he shall return and come against the south. But it shall not be as the former or as the latter. <sup>30</sup>For the ships of Chittim shall come against him. And he shall be grieved and return, and have fury against the holy covenant. So he shall do; he shall even return and give heed to those who forsake the holy covenant. <sup>31</sup>And forces will stand from him, and they will profane the sanctuary, the fortress, and shall remove the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the desolating abomination. <sup>32</sup>And he will ruin by flattery those who do evil against the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong, and will work. <sup>33</sup>And those who understand among the people shall teach many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by exile, and spoil, for days. <sup>34</sup>And when they stumble, they shall be helped with a little help, but many will join them, with hypocrisy. <sup>35</sup>And many of those who understand shall stumble, to refine and purge them, and to make white, to the time of the end. Because it is still for the appointed time. <sup>36</sup>And the king shall do according to his will. And he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall succeed until the fury is fulfilled. For that which is decreed shall be done. <sup>37</sup>He will not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god. For he shall magnify himself above all. <sup>38</sup>But in his place he shall honor the god of forces; and a god whom his fathers did not know, he shall honor with gold and silver, and with precious stones and desirable things. <sup>39</sup>So he shall act in the fortresses of the strongholds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge, He shall multiply in glory, and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price.

<sup>40</sup>And at the end-time, the king of the south shall push at him. And the king of the north shall come against him like a tempest, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships.

<sup>41</sup>And he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass over. He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many shall be stumbled. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the sons of Ammon.

<sup>42</sup>And he shall stretch out his hand also on the lands. And the land of Egypt shall

not escape. <sup>43</sup>But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. <sup>44</sup>But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him. Then he will go out with great fury to destroy, and to devote many to destruction. <sup>45</sup>And he shall plant his palace tents between *the* seas in the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation; until that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the sky; and those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. <sup>4</sup>But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

<sup>5</sup>Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood another two, the one on this *side*, and the one on that *side* of the bank of the river. <sup>6</sup>And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who was on the waters of the river: Until when *shall it be* until the end of these wonders? <sup>7</sup>And I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* on the waters of the river, when he held up his right and his left hand to Heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and a half. And when they have made an end of scattering the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. <sup>8</sup>And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, O my lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? <sup>9</sup>And He said, Go, Daniel! For the words *are* closed up and sealed until the end-time. <sup>10</sup>Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried. But the wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. <sup>11</sup>And from the time that the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the desolating abomination set up, a thousand two hundred and ninety days *shall occur*. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is he who waits and comes to *the* thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. <sup>13</sup>But you go on to the end, for you shall rest and stand in your lot at the end of the days.

# THE BOOK OF HOSEA

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel,

<sup>2</sup>The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of adultery and children of adultery. For the land has utterly gone lusting away from the LORD. <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, Call his name God Will Sow. For still *in* a little *while*, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be, at that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

<sup>6</sup>And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And *God* said to him, Call her name No-Mercy, for I will no more have mercy *on* the house of Israel. But I will utterly take them away. <sup>7</sup>But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

<sup>8</sup>And when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>And He said, Call his name Not-My-People. For you *are* not My people, and I will not be for you.

<sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, You *are* not My people, there it shall be said to them, *You are* the sons of the living God. <sup>11</sup>Then the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land. For great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Say to your brothers, A People; and to your sisters, Mercy. <sup>2</sup>Contend! Contend with your mother, for she *is* not my wife, nor *am* I her husband. Let her therefore put away her fornications out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts, <sup>3</sup>lest I strip her naked and set her out as in the day that she was born; and lest I make her as the wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. <sup>4</sup>And I will not have mercy on her sons, for then *it was* better with me than now. <sup>5</sup>For their mother has played the harlot. She who conceived them has done shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers who give *my* bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore behold, I will hedge your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. <sup>7</sup>And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them. She shall seek them, but shall not find *them*. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then *it was* better with me than now. <sup>8</sup>For she did not know that I gave her grain, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal. <sup>9</sup>So I will return and take away My grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness. <sup>10</sup>And now I will uncover her wickedness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. <sup>11</sup>I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts. <sup>12</sup>And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, *They are* my rewards that my lovers have given me. And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. <sup>13</sup>And I will visit on her the days

of the Baals, *in* which she burned *incense* to them, and she adorned herself with her nose-rings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers and forgot Me, says the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, behold, I will lure her and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her. <sup>15</sup>And I will give her vineyards to her from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. And she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>16</sup>And it shall be at that day, says the LORD, you shall call Me, My Husband, and shall no more call Me, My Baal. <sup>17</sup>For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they will no more be remembered by their name. <sup>18</sup>And in that day I will cut a covenant for them, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. <sup>19</sup>And I will betroth you to Me forever. Yea, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. <sup>20</sup>I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And it will be, in that day I will hear, says the LORD. I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth, <sup>22</sup>and the earth shall hear the grain and the wine and the oil. And they shall hear Jezreel. <sup>23</sup>And I will sow her to Me in the earth. And I will have mercy on No-Mercy. And I will say to Not-My-People, You *are* My people. And they shall say, My God.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD said to me, Go again. Love a woman beloved by a friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the sons of Israel, who turn to other gods, and love raisin-cakes of grapes. <sup>2</sup>So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* a homer of barley and a half homer of barley. <sup>3</sup>And I said to her, You shall abide for me many days. You shall not be a harlot, nor be for a man. And I also *will be* for you. <sup>4</sup>For the sons of Israel shall live many days *with* no king, and no ruler, and with no sacrifice, and no pillars, and no ephod, or teraphim. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the sons of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. And they shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the ends of the days.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, sons of Israel. For the LORD *has* a quarrel with the people of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. <sup>2</sup>*There is* lying, and swearing, and killing, and stealing, and the committing of adultery; and blood touches blood. <sup>3</sup>Therefore the land shall mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall droop, with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens. Yes, the fish of the sea shall also be taken away. <sup>4</sup>Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another. For your people *are* as those who strive with the priest. <sup>5</sup>And you shall stumble *in* the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with you in the night, and I will cut off your mother.

<sup>6</sup>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest to Me. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your sons. <sup>7</sup>As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. *Therefore* I will change their glory into shame. <sup>8</sup>They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. <sup>9</sup>And it has become, Like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their doings. <sup>10</sup>For they shall eat and not have enough. They shall fornicate and not increase, because they have stopped taking heed to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Fornication and wine and new wine take away the heart.

<sup>12</sup>My people seek advice from their wooden *idols*, and their rod declares to them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to go astray, and they have gone lusting away from under their God. <sup>13</sup>They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and burn incense on the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because its shade *is* good. So your daughters shall be harlots, and your brides shall commit adultery. <sup>14</sup>I will not punish your daughters when they fornicate, nor your wives when they commit adultery. For the *men* themselves go aside with harlots, and they sacrifice with temple prostitutes. The people *who* do not understand are thrown down.

<sup>15</sup>Though you, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* do not let Judah become guilty. And do not come *to* Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-aven, nor swear, *As* the LORD lives. <sup>16</sup>For Israel slides back like a backsliding heifer. Now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. <sup>17</sup>Ephraim *is* joined to idols; let him alone. <sup>18</sup>Their drink is sour; they are continually fornicating; her rulers dearly love shame. <sup>19</sup>The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, O priests, and listen, house of Israel. And give ear, house of the king. For judgment *is* toward you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah and a net spread on Tabor. <sup>2</sup>And revolters have gone deep *in* slaughtering, and I chasten all of them. <sup>3</sup>I know Ephraim, *and* Israel is not hidden from me. For now, O Ephraim, you have fornicated; Israel is defiled. <sup>4</sup>Their doings will not allow them to turn to their God; for the spirit of fornication *is* in their midst, and they have not known the LORD. <sup>5</sup>And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. So Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. <sup>6</sup>They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *Him*. He has withdrawn Himself from them. <sup>7</sup>They have acted treacherously against the LORD, for they have brought out strange sons. Now a new moon shall devour them with their portions. <sup>8</sup>Blow the horn in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Beth-aven, after you, O Benjamin. <sup>9</sup>Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke. Among the tribes of Israel I have made known that which is confirmed. <sup>10</sup>The rulers of Judah were like removers of a border; I will pour out My wrath on them like water. <sup>11</sup>Ephraim *is* crushed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I *am* as a moth to Ephraim, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. <sup>13</sup>When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then Ephraim went to the Assyrian and sent to king Jareb. Yet he could not heal you nor cure you of your wound. <sup>14</sup>For I *will be* to Ephraim as a lion, and as a strong lion to the house of Judah. I, *even* I, will tear and go away. I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

<sup>15</sup>I will go; I will return to My place until they confess their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction they will seek Me diligently.

### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Come and let us return to the LORD. For He has torn, and He will heal us; He has stricken, and He will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days He will bring us to life; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. <sup>3</sup>Then we shall know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD. His going out is prepared as the morning; and He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

<sup>4</sup>O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your goodness is like a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away. <sup>5</sup>So I have cut *them* down by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth. And

your judgments *were as the light that goes out.* <sup>6</sup>For I desired mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. <sup>7</sup>But, like Adam, they have broken the covenant. They have acted like traiters against Me there. <sup>8</sup>Gilead is a city of trouble-makers, slippery with bloodmarks. <sup>9</sup>And as troops of robbers wait for a man, the company of priests murder *in the way of Shechem;* for they committed wickedness. <sup>10</sup>I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel; the harlotry of Ephraim is there; Israel is defiled. <sup>11</sup>Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed to you, when I return the captivity of My people.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they have worked falsehood. And the thief comes in, and the troop of robbers plunders outside. <sup>2</sup>And they do not say within their hearts that I remember all their evil. Now their own doings have hemmed them in; they are before My face. <sup>3</sup>They make the king glad with their evil, and the rulers with their lies. <sup>4</sup>They *are* all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker; he stops stirring, from kneading the dough, while it is leavened. <sup>5</sup>In the day of our king, the rulers have sickened themselves *with the heat of wine.* He stretches out his hand with scorners. <sup>6</sup>For they have brought their heart near like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps at night; in the morning it burns like a flaming fire. <sup>7</sup>They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen; *there is none among them who calls to Me.* <sup>8</sup>Ephraim mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. <sup>9</sup>Strangers have eaten up his strength, and he does not know it. Yea, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he knows it not. <sup>10</sup>And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. And they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him in all this.

<sup>11</sup>Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt; they go to Assyria. <sup>12</sup>When they go, I will spread My net on them; I will bring them down like the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as a report to their congregation. <sup>13</sup>Woe to them! For they have fled from Me. Ruin to them! Because they have sinned against Me. Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. <sup>14</sup>And they have not cried to Me with their heart, when they howled on their beds; they gather themselves for grain and wine, *and they rebel against Me.* <sup>15</sup>Though I have bound *and strengthened* their arms, yet they think evil against Me. <sup>16</sup>They return, but not to the Most High. They are like a deceitful bow; their rulers shall fall by the sword from the rage of their tongue. This *shall be* their scorn in the land of Egypt.

#### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>Put a trumpet to your mouth. *He comes* like an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have broken My covenant and have sinned against My law. <sup>2</sup>Israel shall cry to Me, My God, we know You. <sup>3</sup>Israel has thrown off good; the enemy shall pursue him. <sup>4</sup>They have set up kings, but not by Me; they have made rulers, and I knew it not. They have made themselves idols *with* their silver and their gold, so that they may be cut off.

<sup>5</sup>Your calf, O Samaria, has cast you off. My anger is kindled against them. Until when *will* they not attain purity? <sup>6</sup>For from Israel it *came* also. The craftsman made it, but *it is* not God. For the calf of Samaria shall be splinters. <sup>7</sup>For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It has no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal; if it does yield, strangers shall swallow it up. <sup>8</sup>Israel is swallowed up; now they shall be among the nations as a vessel in which there is no pleasure. <sup>9</sup>For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself. Ephraim has hired lovers. <sup>10</sup>Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now I will gather them.

And they began to be few, from the burden of the king of rulers. <sup>11</sup>Because Ephraim has made many altars to sin, altars shall be to him to sin. <sup>12</sup>I have written to him the great things of My law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing. <sup>13</sup>They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of My offerings, and eat it; *but* the LORD does not receive them. Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They shall return to Egypt. <sup>14</sup>For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples. And Judah has multiplied cities. But I will send a fire on his cities, and it shall burn up her palaces.

#### CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>O Israel, rejoice not for joy, like the peoples. For you have gone lusting away from your God; you have loved a reward on every grain floor. <sup>2</sup>The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. <sup>3</sup>They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. <sup>4</sup>They shall not pour wine to the LORD, nor shall they be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices *shall be* like the bread of mourners to them; all who eat of them shall be defiled. For their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>What will you do in the day of meeting, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? <sup>6</sup>For lo, they have left because of destruction. Egypt shall gather them up; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess the desirable things of their silver; thorns *shall be* in their tents. <sup>7</sup>The days of her judgment have come; the days of vengeance have come; Israel shall know *it*. The prophet *is* a fool, the spiritual man *is* mad, because of the greatness of your iniquity and the great hatred. <sup>8</sup>The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God. The prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* hatred in the house of his God. <sup>9</sup>They have deeply corrupted, as *in* days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

<sup>10</sup>I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the first-fruit in the fig tree at her first time. *But* they went to Baal-peor and set themselves apart to a shameful thing; and they became abominable like that which they loved. <sup>11</sup>Ephraim is like a bird; their glory shall fly away from birth, and from the womb, and from conception. <sup>12</sup>Though they bring up their sons, yet I will make them childless, without a man. Yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! <sup>13</sup>Ephraim, when I looked toward Tyre, *was* planted in a pleasant place. But Ephraim shall bring out his sons to the murderer. <sup>14</sup>Give them, O Lord; what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. <sup>15</sup>All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal, for there I hated them. I will drive them out of My house for the wickedness of their doings. I will love them no more; all their rulers *are* revolvers. <sup>16</sup>Ephraim *is* stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bear, yet I will slay the beloved ones of their womb. <sup>17</sup>My God shall cast them away because they did not listen to Him. And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Israel *is* an luxuriant vine; he brings out fruit to himself. According to the multitude of his fruit, he has increased the altars. They have made beautiful images according to the goodness of his land. <sup>2</sup>Their heart is divided; now they shall be guilty. He shall break down their altars, and He shall spoil their images. <sup>3</sup>For now they shall say, We have no king because we did not fear the LORD; what then should a king do to us? <sup>4</sup>They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant. So judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field. <sup>5</sup>The people of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven; for

its people shall mourn over it, and its priests *who* rejoiced on it for its glory shall mourn because it has departed from it. <sup>6</sup>It shall also be carried to Assyria for a present to king Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. <sup>7</sup>As for Samaria, her king is cut off as a bough on the water. <sup>8</sup>Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us, and to the hills, Fall on us.

<sup>9</sup>O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they stood; the battle against the sons of iniquity did not overtake them in Gibeah. <sup>10</sup>When I desire, I shall bind them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves to their perversities. <sup>11</sup>And Ephraim *is* like a trained heifer, trying to tread out. But I passed over on the goodness of her neck. I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods. <sup>12</sup>Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground. For *it is* time to seek the LORD, until He comes and rains righteousness on you. <sup>13</sup>You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies, because you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men. <sup>14</sup>And an uproar shall arise among your peoples, and all your fortresses shall be spoiled, as the ruin of Beth-arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces on *her* sons. <sup>15</sup>So He does to you, Bethel, because of your great evil. In a morning the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.

#### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>As they called them, so they went from them. They sacrifice to the Baals, and burn incense to graven images. <sup>3</sup>I also taught Ephraim to go; He took them on His arm. But they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as those who take off the yoke that was on their jaws, and I gently give food to him.

<sup>5</sup>He shall not return to the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian *shall be* his king, because they refused to return. <sup>6</sup>And the sword shall remain on his cities, and shall destroy his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels. <sup>7</sup>And My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt *Him*. <sup>8</sup>How shall I give you up, Ephraim? *How* shall I deliver you, Israel? How shall I make you like Admah? *How* shall I set you as Zeboim? My heart is turned within Me; My compassions are kindled together. <sup>9</sup>I will not carry out the heat of My anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim. For I *am* God and not man, the Holy One in your midst; and I will not enter into the city. <sup>10</sup>They shall walk after the LORD; He shall roar like a lion. When He shall roar, then the sons shall tremble from the west. <sup>11</sup>They shall tremble like a bird out of Egypt, and like a dove out of the land of Assyria. And I will place them in their houses, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Ephraim circles around Me with lying, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

#### CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Ephraim feeds on wind and follows after the east wind. He daily multiplies lies and cruelty. And they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. <sup>2</sup>The LORD also has a quarrel with Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings He will repay him.

<sup>3</sup>He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God. <sup>4</sup>Yes, he wept and cried to Him, and he had power over the Angel and overcame. He found him *in* Bethel, and there He spoke with us, <sup>5</sup>even the LORD



God of hosts. Jehovah is his memorial. <sup>6</sup>Therefore turn to your God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on your God forever.

<sup>7</sup>He is a merchant; the scales of deceit are in his hand; he loves to be cruel. <sup>8</sup>And Ephraim said, Yet I have become rich, I have found much wealth for myself. In all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that is sin. <sup>9</sup>And I the LORD, who have been your God from the land of Egypt, will yet make you to dwell in tents as in the days of the appointed feast. <sup>10</sup>I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and have used parables, by the ministry of the prophets. <sup>11</sup>Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they are vanity; they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal. Yes, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields. <sup>12</sup>And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept watch. <sup>13</sup>And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was kept safe. <sup>14</sup>Ephraim provoked Me to anger most bitterly; therefore he shall leave his blood on him, and his Lord shall turn his reproach to him.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>When Ephraim spoke trembling, he was lifted up in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. <sup>2</sup>And now they sin more and more, and have made themselves molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves. <sup>3</sup>Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passes away, as the chaff storm-driven out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. <sup>4</sup>Yet I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me. For there is no Saviour besides Me.

<sup>5</sup>I have known you in the wilderness, in the land of great dryness. <sup>6</sup>According to their pasture, so were they filled. They were filled and their heart was lifted up. Therefore they have forgotten Me. <sup>7</sup>Therefore I will be as a lion to them; as a leopard by the way I will watch them. <sup>8</sup>I will meet them like a bereaved bear, and will tear the lining of their heart. And there I will devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them.

<sup>9</sup>O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me is your help. <sup>10</sup>Where is your king now, that he may save you in all your cities; and your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and rulers? <sup>11</sup>I gave you a king in My anger, and took him away in My wrath. <sup>12</sup>The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin hidden. <sup>13</sup>The pains of a woman in travail shall come to him. He is an unwise son; for he cannot stand still in the time of the breaking forth of sons. <sup>14</sup>I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues; O Grave, I will be your ruin! Repentance shall be hidden from My eyes.

<sup>15</sup>Though he is fruitful among his brothers, an east wind shall come. The wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall be ashamed, and his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasure of all desirable vessels. <sup>16</sup>Samaria shall become a waste, for she has rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword. Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>O Israel, return to the LORD your God, for you have fallen by your iniquity. <sup>2</sup>Take with you words, and turn to the LORD. Say to Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, that we may repay with the calves of our lips. <sup>3</sup>Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses. Nor shall we say any more to the work of our hands, You are our gods, for in you the fatherless finds mercy.

<sup>4</sup>I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. <sup>5</sup>I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast out his roots like Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. <sup>7</sup>They who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall show life like the grain, and grow like the vine. Their scent *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon. <sup>8</sup>Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him and watched him; I *am* like a green fir tree. Your fruit is found from Me. <sup>9</sup>Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these things? Understanding, and he shall know them? For the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them; but sinners shall fall in them.

# THE BOOK OF JOEL

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel. <sup>2</sup>Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all dwellers of the land. Has this been in your days or even in the days of your fathers? <sup>3</sup>Tell your sons of it, and *let* your sons *tell* their sons, and their sons another generation. <sup>4</sup>That which the creeping locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten. And that which the swarming locust has left, the locust larvae has eaten. And that which the locust larvae has left, the stripping locust has eaten. <sup>5</sup>Awake, drunkards, and weep; and howl, all drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. <sup>6</sup>For a nation has come up on my land, strong and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he has the jaw teeth of a lioness. <sup>7</sup>He has laid my vine waste and splintered my fig tree. He has stripped it and cast *it* away; its branches grow white.

<sup>8</sup>Weep like a virgin clothed with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. <sup>9</sup>The food offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn. <sup>10</sup>The field is wasted; the land mourns, for the grain is wasted. The new wine is dried up; the oil tree droops. <sup>11</sup>Be ashamed, husbandmen; howl, vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. <sup>12</sup>The vine is dried up, and the fig tree droops, *the* pomegranate and the palm tree, and the apple tree; all the trees of the field are dried up, because joy has dried up from the sons of men. <sup>13</sup>Gird up and lament, priests; howl, ministers of the altar. Come, spend the night in sackcloth, ministers of my God. For the food offering and the drink offering are held back from the house of your God.

<sup>14</sup>Set apart a fast; call a solemn gathering; gather the elders *and* all the people of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry to the Lord, <sup>15</sup>Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and it shall come as a ruin from the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>Is not the food cut off before our eyes, and joy and gladness from the house of our God? <sup>17</sup>The seed is rotten under their clods; the storage bins are laid waste; the barns are broken down, for the grain has dried up. <sup>18</sup>How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are troubled because they have no pasture. Yes, the flocks of sheep are destroyed. <sup>19</sup>O LORD, to You will I cry; for the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. <sup>20</sup>The beasts of the field also cry to You; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Blow a ram's horn in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble. For the day of the LORD comes, for *it is* near at hand; <sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread on the mountains; a great people and a strong people; there has not been ever the like, nor shall there ever be again, *even* to the years of many generations. <sup>3</sup>A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness. Yes, and nothing shall escape them. <sup>4</sup>They look like horses; and like horsemen, so they shall run. <sup>5</sup>They shall leap like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle order. <sup>6</sup>Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness. <sup>7</sup>They shall run like mighty men. They shall climb the wall like men of war, and they shall march each one on his way, and they shall not break their ranks. <sup>8</sup>And each one shall not press his brother; they *each* go in

his paths. And if they fall behind their weapons, they shall not be cut off. <sup>9</sup>They shall rush on the city; they shall run on the wall; they shall climb up on the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. <sup>10</sup>The earth shall tremble before them; the heavens shall shake. The sun and the moon shall grow dark, and the stars shall gather in their light. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD shall utter His voice before His army; for His camp is very great; for strong is He who does His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can stand it?

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD, turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. <sup>13</sup>Yes, tear your heart and not your robes, and turn to the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He pities because of the evil. <sup>14</sup>Who knows if He will return and have pity and leave a blessing behind Him, a food offering and a drink offering to the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow a trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn gathering. <sup>16</sup>Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her room. <sup>17</sup>Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Have pity on Your people, O LORD, and give not Your inheritance to shame, for a proverb among those of the nations. Why should they say among the people, Where is their God?

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and pity His people. <sup>19</sup>Yes, the LORD will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more make you a curse among the nations. <sup>20</sup>But I will remove the northern army far from you, and will drive him into a barren and deserted land, with his face toward the eastern sea and his rear toward the western sea. And his stench shall come up, and his ill odor shall come up, because he was doing great things.

<sup>21</sup>Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice. For the LORD will do great things. <sup>22</sup>Do not be afraid, beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness grow green; for the tree bears its fruit, and the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. <sup>23</sup>Be glad then, sons of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God. For He has given you the former rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month. <sup>24</sup>And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>And I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the locust larvae, and the stripping locust, and the cutting locust, My great army which I sent among you. <sup>26</sup>And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt with you wonderfully; and My people shall never be ashamed. <sup>27</sup>And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and no one else; and My people shall never be ashamed.

<sup>28</sup>And it shall be afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>And also I will pour out My Spirit on the slaves and on the slavegirls in those days. <sup>30</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above, and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. <sup>32</sup>And it shall be, whoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for salvation shall be in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the LORD has said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>For, behold, in those days and in that time, *when* I will bring again the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will fight with them there for My people and for My inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and divided My land. <sup>3</sup>And they have cast lots for My people, and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, so that they might drink. <sup>4</sup>Yea, and what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the borders of Philistia? Will you give Me a reward? And if you reward Me, swiftly *and* speedily I will turn your reward on your own head, <sup>5</sup>because you have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried My good treasures into your temples. <sup>6</sup>You have also sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem to the sons of the Greeks, that you might remove them far from their border. <sup>7</sup>Behold, I will raise them out of the place where you have sold them, and will turn your reward on your own head. <sup>8</sup>And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the LORD has spoken it.

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. <sup>10</sup>Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into swords. Let the weak say, I *am* strong. <sup>11</sup>Gather yourselves and come, all you nations, and gather yourselves together all around; cause Your mighty ones to come down there, O LORD. <sup>12</sup>Let the nations be awakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations all around. <sup>13</sup>Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, come down; for the press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. <sup>14</sup>Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision! <sup>15</sup>The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall gather in their light. <sup>16</sup>The LORD shall also roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth shall shake. But the LORD *will be* the hope of His people and the strength of the sons of Israel. <sup>17</sup>So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be a holy thing, and no aliens shall pass through her any more.

<sup>18</sup>And it shall be, in that day the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow *with* milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow *with* waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. <sup>19</sup>Egypt shall be a ruin, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, from violence done to the sons of Judah, whose innocent blood they poured out in their land. <sup>20</sup>But Judah will dwell forever, and Jerusalem to generation and generation. <sup>21</sup>And I will cleanse their blood *which* I did not cleanse; and the LORD *is* dwelling in Zion.

# THE BOOK OF AMOS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa — the word which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

<sup>2</sup>And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall dry up. <sup>3</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Damascus, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron. <sup>4</sup>But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeel, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. <sup>5</sup>I will also break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the dweller from the Valley of Aven, and from him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden. And the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir, says the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Gaza, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it; because they deported *as* exiles to deliver up a complete *population* to Edom. <sup>7</sup>But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour its palaces. <sup>8</sup>And I will cut off the people from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn My hand against Ekron. And the rest of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord God.

<sup>9</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyre, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it. Because they delivered up *as* exiles a complete *population* to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant. <sup>10</sup>But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces.

<sup>11</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Edom, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it. Because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pities, and his anger tore without end, and he kept his wrath forever. <sup>12</sup>But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

<sup>13</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it. Because they have ripped up the pregnant women of Gilead, so that they might make their own border larger. <sup>14</sup>But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind. <sup>15</sup>And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, says the LORD.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime. <sup>2</sup>But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth. And Moab shall die with great noise, with shouting, with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>3</sup>And I will cut off the judge from its midst, and will kill all its rulers with him, says the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Judah, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it; because they have despised the laws of the LORD, and have not kept His commandments. And their lies after which their fathers walked led them astray. <sup>5</sup>But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup>So says the LORD: For three transgressions of Israel, yea for four, I will not turn away *from* it; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; <sup>7</sup>panting after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and

turning aside the way of the meek. And a man and his father will go *in* to the *same* woman, to defile My holy name. <sup>8</sup>And they will stretch beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god.

<sup>9</sup>Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, *whose* height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from below. <sup>10</sup>Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt and led you forty years through the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorite. <sup>11</sup>And I raised up prophets from your sons and Nazarites from your young men. *Is it* not even so, O sons of Israel? says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>But you gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy. <sup>13</sup>Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart full of sheaves *is* pressed. <sup>14</sup>And refuge shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his power, nor shall the mighty deliver his life; <sup>15</sup>nor shall he who handles the bow stand. And the swift-footed shall not save; and the horse rider shall not save his life. <sup>16</sup>And the stout-hearted among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, says the LORD.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup>You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you *for* all your iniquities. <sup>3</sup>Can two walk together unless they are agreed? <sup>4</sup>Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den unless he has caught *something*? <sup>5</sup>Will a bird fall into a trap *on* the ground, and there is no bait for it? Will a trap spring up from the ground, and nothing at all be caught? <sup>6</sup>If a ram's horn is blown in a city, will the people not also tremble? If there is a calamity in a city, has the LORD not done *it*? <sup>7</sup>For the Lord Jehovah will do nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup>The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah has spoken; who will not prophesy?

<sup>9</sup>Cry out on the palaces of Ashdod, and on the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: Gather yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great uproars in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst. <sup>10</sup>For they do not know to do right, says the LORD, those who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. <sup>11</sup>So the Lord Jehovah says this: An enemy! And *he shall be* all around the land; and he shall bring you down from your strength, and your palaces shall be plundered. <sup>12</sup>So says the LORD: As the shepherd takes two legs out of the mouth of the lion, or a piece of an ear; so shall the sons of Israel be taken out, those who dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *on* a couch. <sup>13</sup>Hear and testify in the house of Jacob, says the Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts, <sup>14</sup>for in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel on him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel. And the horns of the altar shall be cut off and shall fall to the ground. <sup>15</sup>And I will strike the winter house together with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish. And the great houses shall be swept away, says the LORD.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Hear this word, cows of Bashan who *are* in the mountain of Samaria; who press down the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring in, that we may drink. <sup>2</sup>The Lord Jehovah has sworn by His holiness that the days shall come on you that He will lift you up with meathooks, and your sons with fishhooks. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go out at the breaches, each one straight before her. And you shall cast down the high place, says the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Come to Bethel and transgress; to Gilgal and multiply transgressing *at* Gilgal. And bring your sacrifices for the morning, your tithes for three years; <sup>5</sup>and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving from that which is leavened, and cry out; call out the voluntary offerings! For so you love *to do*, O sons of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>6</sup>And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, and you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And I have also withheld the rain from you, when there *were* yet three months to the harvest. And I caused rain to fall on one city and caused it not to rain on another city; one piece was rained on, and the piece on which it did not rain dried up. <sup>8</sup>So two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>I have stricken you with blasting and mildew. When your gardens and your vineyards and your olive trees increased, the creeping locust devoured *them*; yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. <sup>10</sup>I have sent the plague among you in the way of Egypt; I have slain your young men with the sword, and have taken away your horses. And I have made the stench of your camps to come up into your nostrils; yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. <sup>11</sup>I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>So I will do this to you, O Israel; *and* because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel. <sup>13</sup>For lo, He forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what his thought *is*. He who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth; the LORD, the God of hosts, *is* His name.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Hear this word which I take up against you, a dirge, O house of Israel. <sup>2</sup>The virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall rise no more; she is forsaken on her land. *There is none* to raise her up. <sup>3</sup>For thus says the Lord Jehovah: The city that went out by a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went out by a hundred shall have ten left in the house of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>For so says the LORD to the house of Israel: Seek Me, and you shall live. <sup>5</sup>But do not seek Bethel nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass to Beer-sheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Bethel shall come to nothing. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD, and you shall live; lest He break out like a fire *in* the house of Joseph and devour *it*, and *there be none* to put it out in Bethel. <sup>7</sup>You who turn judgment to wormwood and leave off righteousness *in* the earth, <sup>8</sup>*seek Him* who makes the Pleiades and Orion, and who turns the shadow of death into the morning and makes the day dark with night. Seek Him who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth; the LORD *is* His name; <sup>9</sup>who causes destruction to flash out against the strong, and destruction comes against the fortress <sup>10</sup>They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they despise him who speaks uprightly. <sup>11</sup>So, because of your trampling on the poor, and you take tribute of wheat from him; you have built houses of carved stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted desirable vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them. <sup>12</sup>For I know your many transgressions and your many sins. They afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate. <sup>13</sup>So the understanding ones shall keep silent in that time; for *it is* an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, *shall be* with you, as you have spoken. <sup>15</sup>Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate. It may be that the Lord Jehovah of hosts will be gracious *to* the remnant of Joseph. <sup>16</sup>So the LORD, the God of hosts, the Master, says this: Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas!



Alas! And they shall call the husbandmen to mourning, and those who are skillful in mourning to wailing. <sup>17</sup>And there *shall be* wailing in all vineyards; for I will pass through you, says the LORD. <sup>18</sup>Woe to those desiring the day of the LORD! What is this for you? The day of the LORD is darkness and not light; <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a snake bit him. <sup>20</sup>*Shall not* the day of the LORD *be* darkness and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your food offerings, I will not be pleased. Nor will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. <sup>23</sup>Take the noise of your songs away from Me; for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. <sup>24</sup>But let judgment roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. <sup>25</sup>Have you offered sacrifices and offerings to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? <sup>26</sup>But you have carried the booth of your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves. <sup>27</sup>So I will cause you to go into exile beyond Damascus, says the LORD, the God of hosts *is* His name.

### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who *are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, who are noted *as* leader of the nations. And the house of Israel came to them. <sup>2</sup>Pass to Calneh, and see; and from there go to Hamath the great. Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. *Are they* better than these kingdoms, or their border greater than your border? <sup>3</sup>You who put the evil day far away, and cause the seat of violence to come near; <sup>4</sup>who lie on beds of ivory, and those sprawling on their couches, and eat lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; <sup>5</sup>who chant with the mouth of the harp; they invent instruments of music for themselves, like David; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls, and anoint *themselves* with the best of oils; nor do they grieve for the breaking of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>So now they shall go into exile with the first of the exiles. And the feast of those who stretch themselves shall cease. <sup>8</sup>The Lord Jehovah has sworn by Himself, says the LORD, the God of hosts: I despise the glory of Jacob, and hate his palaces; and I will shut up the city and all its fullness. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. <sup>10</sup>And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he who burns him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say to him *left* in the recesses of the house, *Are any* still with you? And he shall say, No. Then he shall say, Hush! For not one shall mention the name of Jehovah. <sup>11</sup>For, behold, the LORD commands, and He will strike the great house *into* pieces, and the little house *into* cracks. <sup>12</sup>Shall horses run on the rock? Will one plow *there* with oxen? For you have turned justice into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock; <sup>13</sup>you who rejoice in nothing, who say, Have we not taken horns to ourselves by our own strength? <sup>14</sup>But behold, I will raise a nation up against you, O house of Israel, says the Lord, the God of hosts. And they shall oppress you from the entrance to Hamath to the torrent of the Arabah.

### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And behold, He is forming locusts at the beginning of the coming up of the late grass; even behold, the late grass after the king's mowings. <sup>2</sup>And it happened when it had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord Jehovah, forgive, I pray You. How can Jacob stand? For he *is* small. <sup>3</sup>The LORD repented for this; it shall not be, says the LORD. <sup>4</sup>The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And behold, the Lord Jehovah was calling to contend by fire. And it consumed the great deep, and *it was*

devouring part of it <sup>5</sup>Then I said, O Lord Jehovah, I pray You, cease. How can Jacob stand? For he *is* small. <sup>6</sup>The LORD repented for this; this also shall not be, says the Lord Jehovah. <sup>7</sup>He made me see this: And behold, the Lord was standing by the plumb-line-wall, and a plumb-line in His hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb-line. Then the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of My people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. <sup>9</sup>And the high places of Isaac shall be wasted, and the holy places of Israel shall he laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has plotted against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For so Amos says: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely go into exile out of his land. <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, O seer, go, flee for yourself into the land of Judah; and eat bread there, and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup>But do not prophesy again anymore at Bethel; for it *is* the king's temple, and it *is* the king's royal house. <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah: I *was* no prophet, nor *was* I a prophet's son. But I *was* a herdsman and a gatherer *from* sycamore trees. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD took me from behind the flock, and the LORD said to me, Go, prophesy to My people Israel.

<sup>16</sup>Now then hear the word of the LORD. You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop *words* against the house of Isaac. <sup>17</sup>So the LORD says this: Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line. And you shall die in a defiled land; and Israel shall surely go into exile out of his land.

#### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And behold, a basket of summer fruit! <sup>2</sup>And He said, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then the LORD said to me, The end has come to My people Israel: I will never pass by them any more. <sup>3</sup>And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, says the Lord Jehovah. The dead bodies *shall be* many. In every place one shall throw *them* out, *saying*, Hush!

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample the poor, even to make the humble of the land to fail, <sup>5</sup>saying, When will the new moon be gone so that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small and the shekel great, and perverting the balances by deceit; <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; and sell the chaff of the wheat? <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the Glory of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. <sup>8</sup>Shall not the land tremble for this, and all who dwell in it mourn? And all of it shall rise up like the light. And it shall overflow and sink like the Nile of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>And it shall be in that day, says the Lord Jehovah, I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the third day. <sup>10</sup>And I will turn your feast into mourning, and all your songs into weeping; and I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head. And I will make it like the mourning of an only *son*, and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup>Behold, the days come, says the Lord Jehovah, that I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. <sup>13</sup>In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men shall faint for thirst. <sup>14</sup>They who swear by the sin of Samaria and say, *As* your God lives, O Dan; and, *As* the way of Beer-sheba lives; even they shall fall and never rise up again.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>I saw the Lord standing by the altar. And He said, Strike the capital of the door, so that the thresholds shall shake; and break them on the head of all of them. And I will kill the last of them with the sword. Not one of them fleeing will flee, and not a fugitive of them will escape. <sup>2</sup>If they dig into hell, there My hand shall take them. And if they go up to the heavens, I will bring them down from there. <sup>3</sup>And if they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there. And if they are hidden from My sight in the bottom of the sea, I will command the serpent there, and he shall bite them. <sup>4</sup>And if they go into captivity before their enemies, I will command the sword there, and it shall kill them; and I will set My eyes on them for evil, and not for good. <sup>5</sup>And the Lord Jehovah of hosts is He who touches the land, and it shall melt, and all who dwell in it shall mourn. And all of it shall rise up like the Nile, and sink down like the Nile of Egypt. <sup>6</sup>*It is* He who builds His staircase in the heavens, and He has founded the firmament on the earth; He who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth; the LORD is His name. <sup>7</sup>*Are you* not like sons of the Ethiopians to Me, O sons of Israel, says the LORD? Have I not brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? <sup>8</sup>Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah *are* on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; except that I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For lo, I will command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, as one shakes with a sieve, yet not a grain shall fall *to* the earth. <sup>10</sup>All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not draw near, or come in front about us.

<sup>11</sup>In that day I will raise up the booth of David that has fallen, and close up its breaks; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; <sup>12</sup>so that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the nations *on* whom My name is called, says the LORD who is doing this.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that the plowman and the reaper shall draw near, the treader of grapes, and he who draws along the seed. And the mountains will drip must, and all the hills will be dissolved. <sup>14</sup>And I will turn back the captivity of My people Israel, and they shall build the cities which are desolate, and they shall live in *them*. And they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine. They shall also make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup>And I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, says the LORD your God.

# THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Obadiah. So says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a message from the LORD, and a messenger is sent among the nations: Rise up, even let us rise up against her for battle. <sup>2</sup>Behold, I have given you *to be* small among the nations; you *are* greatly despised.

<sup>3</sup>The pride of your heart has deceived you, dwelling in the clefts of the rocks, his dwelling *is* lofty; saying in his heart, Who shall bring me down *to* the ground? <sup>4</sup>Though you rise high like the eagle, and though *you* set your nest between the stars, I will bring you down from there, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>If thieves came to you, if destroyers by night (how you have been cut off!), would they not have stolen until they had enough? If the grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? <sup>6</sup>How Esau is searched out! His hidden things are sought out! <sup>7</sup>All the men of your covenant have dismissed you to the border; the men who were at peace with you have deceived you, *and* have overcome you. They are setting your bread *as* a snare under you; there *is* no understanding in them. <sup>8</sup>Shall I not in that day even destroy the wise out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau, says the LORD? <sup>9</sup>And your mighty ones, O Teman, shall be afraid, so that each man from the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

<sup>10</sup>Shame shall cover you from the violence against your brother Jacob, and you shall be cut off forever. <sup>11</sup>On the day of your standing on the other *side*, on the day that the strangers *were* capturing his forces, and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you *were* like one of them. <sup>12</sup>But you should not have looked on the day of your brother on the day of his alienation; nor should you have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their ruin; nor should you have enlarged your mouth in the day of distress. <sup>13</sup>You should not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity; yea, you should not have looked on his evil in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their possessions in the day of his calamity. Nor should you have sent out against his force in the day of his calamity. <sup>14</sup>Nor should you have stood on the crossways to cut off those of him who escaped; nor should you have shut up his survivors in the day of distress. <sup>15</sup>For the day of the LORD *is* near on all the nations; as you have done, it shall be done to you. Your reward shall return upon your head. <sup>16</sup>For as you have drunk upon My holy mountain, *so* all the nations shall drink forever. Yes, they shall drink, and they shall swallow, and they shall be *as though* they had not been.

<sup>17</sup>But upon Mount Zion shall be those who escaped; and it shall be holy. And the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. <sup>18</sup>And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame. And the house of Esau shall be for stubble. And they shall kindle in them and burn them up. And no survivor shall be to the house of Esau; for the LORD has spoken it. <sup>19</sup>And *those of* the south shall possess the mountain of Esau; and the low country of the Philistines. And they shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead. <sup>20</sup>And the exiles of this force to the sons of Israel who shall possess *the land of* the Canaanites to Zarephath; even the exiles of Jerusalem who *are* in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the south. <sup>21</sup>And deliverers shall go up into the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau; and the kingdom shall be to the LORD.

# THE BOOK OF JONAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their evil has come up before Me. <sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. And *he* went down to Joppa. And he found a ship going to Tarshish. And he gave its fare, and went down into it, in order to go with them to Tarshish, away from the sight of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind into the sea, and there was a great storm in the sea, so that the ship *was* thought to be broken. <sup>5</sup>Then the seamen were afraid, and each man cried to his god. And they threw out utensils in the ship, into the sea in order to lighten *it*. But Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship; and he lay there, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>And the the chief of the seaman came to him and said to him, What *is it* to you, O sleeper? Arise, call upon your God! It may be that our god will notice us, and we will not perish? <sup>7</sup>And they said, each one to his fellow, Come and let us cast lots, so that we may know who has caused this evil *to occur* to us. And they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, Please tell us, for what reason this evil *has* come on us. What *is* your business? And where do you come from? Where *is* your country? And of what people *are* you? <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear Jehovah, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry *land*. <sup>10</sup>Then the men were afraid *with* a great fear. And they said to him, What is this you have done? For the men knew that he was fleeing from before the face of Jehovah, because he had told them.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us? For the sea was going on and being stormy. <sup>12</sup>And he said to them, Take me up and throw me out into the sea. And the sea shall be calm to you; for I know that this great storm has come on you for my sake. <sup>13</sup>But the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not, for the sea was going on and being stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>And they cried to the LORD and said, We beg You, O LORD, we beg You, let us not perish for this man's life, and do not lay on us innocent blood. For You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You. <sup>15</sup>And they lifted Jonah up and threw him out into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared Jehovah exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD, and vowed vows. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And Jonah prayed to the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, <sup>2</sup>and *he* said, I cried to the LORD from my distress. And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help, *and* You heard my voice. <sup>3</sup>For You cast me *into the* depths of the seas, and the current surrounded me. All Your breakers and Your waves passed over me. <sup>4</sup>Then I said, I am cast off from Your eyes, yet I will look again toward Your holy temple. <sup>5</sup>Waters encompassed me, *even* to the soul; the depth closed around me; the seaweed *was* bound to my head. <sup>6</sup>I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was around me forever; yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup>When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came in to You, into Your holy temple. <sup>8</sup>They who take heed to lying vanities forsake their kindness; <sup>9</sup>but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill that which I have vowed. Salvation *belongs* to the LORD!

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out on the dry *land*.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out to it the proclamation that I am declaring to you. <sup>3</sup>And Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. And Nineveh was a very great city of three days' journey. <sup>4</sup>And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. And they called a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. <sup>6</sup>For word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne. And he laid his robe from him, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he cried out and said in Nineveh by the decree of the king and his great ones, saying, Do not let man or beast, herd or flock taste anything; do not let them feed, nor drink water. <sup>8</sup>But let man and animal be covered *with* sackcloth, and cry mightily to God. And let them each one turn from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? He may repent and away from His hot anger, so that we do not perish? <sup>10</sup>And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And God *was* compassionate over the evil that He had said to do to them, and He did not do it.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>But it *was* a great calamity to Jonah's eye, and it kindled *anger* in him. <sup>2</sup>And he prayed to the LORD and said, Please, O LORD, was this not my saying when I was still in my land? On account of this I fled before to Tarshish. For I knew that You *are* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and One who repents over calamity. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, I beseech You, take my life from me. For better *is* my death than my life.

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, Is anger rightly kindled in you?

<sup>5</sup>And Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east of the city. And he made himself a booth there and sat under it in the shade, until he might see what would happen in the city. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD God prepared a plant, and it came up over Jonah, to be shade over his head, in order to deliver him from his misery. And Jonah rejoiced *with* great joy over the plant. <sup>7</sup>But God prepared a worm as the morning dawned the next day. And it struck the plant, and it withered. <sup>8</sup>And it happened when the sun shone, God ordained a scorching east wind. And the sun beat on the head of Jonah, so that he fainted. And he asked for his life to die. And he said, Better *is* my death than my life. <sup>9</sup>And God said to Jonah, Is you anger rightly kindled over the plant? And he said, My anger is rightly kindled, *even* to death. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, You have had pity on the plant, for which you had not labored, nor made it grow — which was a son of a night, and perished the son of a night — <sup>11</sup>And should I not spare Nineveh, that great city, in which *are* more than a hundred and twenty thousand men who do not know between their right and their left *hand*, besides much cattle?

# THE BOOK OF MICAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, all you people; listen, O earth, and its fullness. And let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple. <sup>3</sup>For behold, the LORD *is* coming out of His place, and will come down and walk on the high places of the earth. <sup>4</sup>And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall tear themselves, as wax before the fire, and as waters poured down a steep place. <sup>5</sup>All this *is* for the transgression of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *Is it* not Samaria? And what *are* the high places of Judah? *Are they* not Jerusalem? <sup>6</sup>And I will make Samaria into ruins of the field, planting places for a vineyard; and I will pour down her stones into the valley, and I will uncover her foundations. <sup>7</sup>And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her gifts shall be burned with the fire, and I will destroy all its idols. For she gathered *it* from the reward of a harlot, and they shall return to the reward of a harlot. <sup>8</sup>Therefore I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the daughters of an ostrich. <sup>9</sup>For her wounds *are* not curable; for it has come as far as Judah; it has reached to the gate of My people, to Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>Do not declare *it* in Gath; weep not at all; in the house of Leaphrah roll *in* the dust. <sup>11</sup>Pass over to them, O dweller of Shaphir, in nakedness of shame. The dweller of Zaanan has not gone out; the mourning of Beth-ezel shall take from you his standing. <sup>12</sup>For be grieved for good, the dweller of Maroth, for evil came down from the LORD to the gate of Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>O inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the stallion; she *is* the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for the sins of Israel were found in you. <sup>14</sup>Therefore you shall give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath; the houses of Achzib *are* for a lying thing to the kings of Israel. <sup>15</sup>Yet I will bring an heir to you, O dweller of Maresyah. The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam. <sup>16</sup>Make yourself bald, and cut off *your hair* for the sons of your delight; make your baldness large like the eagle; for they go into exile from you.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who plot wickedness and prepare evil on their beds! When the morning is light they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. <sup>2</sup>And they covet fields and seize *them*; and houses, and take *them* away. And they oppress a man and his household, even a man and his inheritance. <sup>3</sup>So the LORD says this: Behold, against this family I *am* plotting an evil from which you shall not remove your necks; nor shall you go proudly, but *it is* an evil time.

<sup>4</sup>In that day *one* shall take up a parable against you and mourn a mourning of mournings, saying, We shall be completely laid waste. He has exchanged the share of my people. How He has removed *it* from me! To the apostate He has divided our fields. <sup>5</sup>Therefore there shall not be for you one casting a line by lot in the congregation of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Do not drop *words* as they drop! They shall not drop *words* about these; they shall not draw back reproaches.

<sup>7</sup>House of Jacob, *it is* said, The Spirit of the LORD *is* limited, if these *are* His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly? <sup>8</sup>Even yesterday, My people has risen up *like* an enemy; you strip off a cloak along with an outer robe, from those who pass by trustingly, those returning *from* war. <sup>9</sup>You have thrown the wives of My people out from the house of her delight; from their

children you have taken away My majesty forever. <sup>10</sup>Arise and depart! For because of destroying uncleanness, even a grievous destruction, this is not your rest. <sup>11</sup>If a man walks *with* wind and lies falsely, saying, I will drop *words* to you for wine and for strong drink, he shall even be a dropper of *words* for this people.

<sup>12</sup>I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like the sheep of Bozrah, like the flock in the midst of their fold. They shall be in commotion because of men. <sup>13</sup>The breaker has come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and have gone out of it. And their king shall pass before them, and the LORD at the head of them.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And I said, Please hear, O heads of Jacob and magistrates of the house of Israel. *Is it* not for you to know justice? <sup>2</sup>You who hate the good and love the evil; who pull their skin off them, and their flesh from their bones; <sup>3</sup>who also eat the flesh of My people, and strip their skin off them. And they break their bones and chop them in pieces, like those in the middle of the kettle. <sup>4</sup>Then they shall cry to the LORD, but He will not answer them. He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have done evil in their doings.

<sup>5</sup>So says the LORD concerning the prophets who make My people err, who bite with their teeth and cry, Peace! And whoever does not give for their mouth, they even sanctify a war against him. <sup>6</sup>Therefore a night *shall be* to you *without* vision; and darkness *without* divining. And the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. <sup>7</sup>And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners ashamed; yea, they shall all cover their mustache, for *there is* no answer from God.

<sup>8</sup>But I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and justice, and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. <sup>9</sup>Please hear this, heads of the house of Jacob, and magistrates of the house of Israel, who hate justice and pervert all equity. <sup>10</sup>They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. <sup>11</sup>Her heads judge for a bribe, and her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for silver, yet they will lean on the LORD and say, *Is* not the LORD among us? No evil can come on us! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, on account of you, Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house into high places of the forest.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>But in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and people shall flow to it. <sup>2</sup>And many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>And He shall judge between many peoples, and will decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, And they shall not still learn war. <sup>4</sup>But they shall sit each one under his vine and under his fig tree; and there shall be no trembling; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken, <sup>5</sup>For all people will walk, *each* one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>In that day, says the LORD, I will gather the lame, and I will gather the banished, and the one I have afflicted. <sup>7</sup>And



I will make the lame into a remnant, and her who was cast off a strong nation; and the LORD shall reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever.

<sup>8</sup>And you, O tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it shall happen. And rulers, the chief ones, shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king among you? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have taken you like one giving birth. <sup>10</sup>Be in pain and deliver, daughter of Zion, like one giving birth. For now you shall go out from the city, and you shall dwell in the field; and you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be snatched back; there the LORD shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

<sup>11</sup>Now also many nations are gathered against you, who say, Let her be defiled, and let our eyes look on Zion. <sup>12</sup>But they do not know the plans of the LORD, nor do they understand His counsel. For He has gathered them like the sheaf to the floor. <sup>13</sup>Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; and you shall crush many peoples. And I will give their gain to the LORD, and their wealth to the Lord of the all the earth.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Now gather yourself in troops, daughter of a troop; one sets a siege against us; they shall strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

<sup>2</sup>And you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me, to become Ruler in Israel, He whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from the days of eternity. <sup>3</sup>Therefore He will give them over until the time the one giving birth has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the sons of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And He shall stand and feed in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah His God. And they shall sit, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And this *One* shall be peace.

When Assyria shall come into our land; and when he shall walk in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds and eight anointed ones from men. <sup>6</sup>And they shall mar the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at her own entrances. And He shall deliver us from Assyria, when he treads within our border. <sup>7</sup>And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, as dew from the LORD, as showers on a blade of the grass, which does not wait for man, nor delay for the sons of men.

<sup>8</sup>And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep — who both tramples and tears in pieces if he goes through — and there is none to snatch back. <sup>9</sup>Your hand shall be high above your foes, and all your enemies shall be cut off. <sup>10</sup>And it shall be in that day, says the LORD, I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots. <sup>11</sup>And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strongholds. <sup>12</sup>And I will cut off sorceries out of your hand, and there shall not be fortune-tellers among you. <sup>13</sup>I will also cut off your graven images, and your pillars out of the midst of you; and you shall never again worship the work of your hands. <sup>14</sup>And I will pluck your shrines out of the midst of you; so I will destroy your cities. <sup>15</sup>And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations, such as they have not heard.

#### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Hear now what the LORD says: Arise, contend with the mountains and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Mountains, hear the LORD's case, and the constant

foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a quarrel with His people, and He will plead His case with Israel. <sup>3</sup>O My people, what have I done to you? And in what have I made you weary? Testify against Me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of slaves; and I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you. <sup>5</sup>O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab planned, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may know the righteousness of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the LORD, *to* bow myself before God the Most High? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O man, what *is* good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God? <sup>9</sup>The LORD's voice cries to the city, and it is sound wisdom to fear Your name. Hear the rod and *Him* who has appointed it.

<sup>10</sup>Are the treasures of wickedness still in the house of the wicked, and the short measure *that is* hateful? <sup>11</sup>Shall I count *those* with the wicked scales pure, and those with the bag of deceitful weights? <sup>12</sup>For its rich men are full of violence, and its people have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I also have made *you* sick by striking you, laying you waste because of your sins. <sup>14</sup>You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your casting down *shall be* in the midst of you. And you shall take hold, but shall not deliver; and *that which* you deliver I will give up to the sword. <sup>15</sup>You shall sow, but you shall not reap; you shall tread the olives, but you shall not anoint yourself with oil; and sweet wine, but shall not drink wine.

<sup>16</sup>For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels, so that I should make you a ruin and its people a hissing; therefore you shall bear the shame of My people.

#### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Woe is me! For I am like the gatherings of summer fruits, like the grape-gleanings of the vintage. There is no cluster to eat; my soul desires the first-ripe fruit. <sup>2</sup>The pious has perished from the earth, and there is none upright among men. For they all lie in wait for blood; each one hunts his brother *with* a net.

<sup>3</sup>They have both hands on that which is evil, to do it well. The ruler asks for a bribe, and the judge also; and the *great man* speaks the evil desire of his soul. So they weave it together. <sup>4</sup>The best of them *is* like a briar; the most upright *is sharper* than a hedge of thorns. The day of your watchmen and your punishment comes; now their shame shall come.

<sup>5</sup>Put no trust in a friend; put no hope in a guide; keep the door of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. <sup>6</sup>For the son dishonors the father; the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies *are* the men of his own household. <sup>7</sup>Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me!

<sup>8</sup>Rejoice not against me, my enemy; for *if* I fall, I shall arise; for *if* I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light to me. <sup>9</sup>I will bear the fury of the LORD, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and brings out judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light, *and* I shall behold His righteousness. <sup>10</sup>Then my enemy shall see it; and shame shall cover her who said to me, Where *is* the LORD your God? My eyes shall behold her; now she shall be trampled like the mud of the streets. <sup>11</sup>*In* the day that your walls are to be built,

*in* that day the decree shall be far removed. <sup>12</sup>*In* that day he shall come even to you *from* Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and *from* sea to sea, and from mountain *to* mountain. <sup>13</sup>But the land shall be wasted because of those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.

<sup>14</sup>Feed your people with your rod, the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone in the woods, *in* the midst of Carmel; let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as *in* the days of old. <sup>15</sup>According to the days of your coming out of the land of Egypt I will show to him marvelous things.

<sup>16</sup>The nation shall see and be ashamed at all their might; they shall lay *their* hand on *their* mouth; their ears shall be deaf. <sup>17</sup>They shall lick the dust like a snake; they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth. They shall dread the LORD our God, and shall fear because of You. <sup>18</sup>Who *is* a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not keep His anger forever, because He delights *in* mercy. <sup>19</sup>He will turn again; He will have pity on us. He will trample our iniquities; and You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup>You will fulfill the faithful promise to Jacob *and* the mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

# THE BOOK OF NAHUM

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

<sup>2</sup>God *is* jealous, and the LORD revenges; the LORD revenges and is full of fury. The LORD is avenging, and is a possessor of wrath. The LORD takes vengeance against His foes, and He keeps *wrath* against His enemies. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power. And He does not by any means acquit *the guilty*. The LORD *has* His way in the tempest and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of His feet. <sup>4</sup>He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither, and the flower of Lebanon withers. <sup>5</sup>The mountains quake from Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is lifted up from before Him; and all who dwell in it. <sup>6</sup>Who can stand before His fury? And who can stand up in the heat of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken down because of Him. <sup>7</sup>The LORD *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him. <sup>8</sup>But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness shall pursue His enemies.

<sup>9</sup>What are you plotting against the LORD? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time. <sup>10</sup>For as thorns are woven together, and as their drunkards are drunken, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dry. <sup>11</sup>One who devises evil against the LORD has come forth from you, one counseling worthlessness. <sup>12</sup>So says the LORD: Though they *are* quiet, and likewise many, yet they shall be cut down, and he shall pass away. And though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. <sup>13</sup>For now I will break his yoke off you, and will burst your bonds apart. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD has commanded concerning you, that no more of your name shall be sown; I will cut off the graven image and the molten image out of the house of your gods. I will make your grave; for you are despised.

<sup>15</sup>Behold upon the mountains the feet of Him who brings good news, making it heard, Peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, fulfill your vows; for the wicked shall pass through you no more; he is completely cut off.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>The scattering one is coming up against your face. Guard the rampart. Watch the way, make *your* loins strong, firm up *your* power mightily. <sup>2</sup>For the LORD has turned away the glory of Jacob, as the glory of Israel. For the plunderers have plundered them, and have destroyed their vine branches. <sup>3</sup>The shield of his mighty ones has become red; the mighty men *are* in scarlet; the chariots flame like iron *torches* in the day of his preparation. And the cypresses are made to quiver. <sup>4</sup>The chariots race madly in the streets; they shall run to and fro in the streets. Their appearance *is* like torches; they dart about like lightnings. <sup>5</sup>He shall remember his nobles; they shall stumble in their walking; they shall make haste to its wall, and the covering shall be prepared. <sup>6</sup>The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be melted. <sup>7</sup>And she who stood firm is uncovered and caused to go away. And her slavegirls are moaning like the sound of doves, beating their breast.

<sup>8</sup>But Nineveh *is* like a pool of water from her days; yet they are fleeing. Halt! Halt! *they cry*, but none looks back. <sup>9</sup>Seize the silver; seize the gold; for there is no end to the treasures; riches from all precious vessels. <sup>10</sup>*She is* empty and void and waste; and the heart melts, and the knees knock, and trembling *is* on all the loins; and all their faces collect heat. <sup>11</sup>Where *is* the den of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion *and* the lioness walked, *and* the

lion's cub, and no one made them afraid? <sup>12</sup>The lion tears in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangles for his lionesses, and filled his holes *with* prey, and his dens with torn prey. <sup>13</sup>Behold, I *am* against you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions. I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the bloody city! It *is* a lie, and full of plunder; the prey is not withdrawn. <sup>2</sup>The sound of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of a wheel, and of a galloping horse, and of a bounding chariot. <sup>3</sup>The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the lightning of the spear. And many *are* slain, and *there are* a mass of dead bodies, and no end of corpses; they stumble on their dead bodies, <sup>4</sup>because of the many harlotries of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of sorceries who sells nations by her harlotries, and families by her sorceries.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I *am* against you, says the LORD of hosts; and I will uncover your skirts upon your face. And I will cause the nations to see your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. <sup>6</sup>And I will cast filth upon you, and will dishonor you, and will set you as a gazing-stock. <sup>7</sup>And it shall be that all those who look upon you shall flee from you, and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will weep for her? From where shall I seek comforters for you? <sup>8</sup>Are you better than No Amon, that dwelt among the Nile branches, waters all around her, whose rampart *was* the sea, the waters her wall? <sup>9</sup>Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, yea, without end. Put and Lubim were among your helpers. <sup>10</sup>Yet she *went* into exile; she went into captivity, and her young children also were dashed to pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

<sup>11</sup>You also shall be drunken; you shall be hidden, you also shall seek strength because of the enemy. <sup>12</sup>All your strongholds *shall be like* fig trees with the first fruits; if they are shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. <sup>13</sup>Behold, your people in your midst *are* women. The gates of your land shall surely be opened to your enemies; the fire shall devour your bars. <sup>14</sup>Draw waters for the siege; fortify your strongholds; make the clay strong, and tread the mortar; make the brick mold strong. <sup>15</sup>There fire shall devour you; the sword shall cut you off, it shall eat you up like the locust. Make yourself as many as the larvae, multiply yourself like the locusts. <sup>16</sup>You have multiplied your merchants above the stars of heaven; the locust larvae shall strip off and fly away. <sup>17</sup>Your rulers *are* like the locusts, and your officials *are* a swarm of locusts that camp in the hedges in the cold day; the sun rises, and they flee, and the place where they *are* is not known. <sup>18</sup>Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria. Your nobles are at rest; your people are scattered upon the mountains, and no one is gathering. <sup>19</sup>There is no healing of your fracture; your wound is grievous; all who hear the news of you shall clap the hands over you; for upon whom has your wickedness not passed continually?

# THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, until when shall I cry and You will not save? I cry out to You of violence, and You do not save! <sup>3</sup>Why do You show me evil, and You look on toil? For destruction and violence *are* before me; and there is strife, and contention rises up. <sup>4</sup>Therefore the law has become helpless, and justice does not always go forth, being perverted. <sup>5</sup>Look among the nations, and behold and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days *which* you will not believe, not even if it is declared to you. <sup>6</sup>For lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess homes not their own. <sup>7</sup>He *is* terrible and fearful; his judgment and his glory shall come forth from themselves. <sup>8</sup>His horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from afar. They shall fly like the eagle hurrying to eat. <sup>9</sup>All of him shall come for violence; the gathering of their faces *is* forward; and they gather captives like the sand. <sup>10</sup>And they shall scoff at the kings, and the rulers shall be a scorn to them. They shall laugh at every stronghold, for he shall heap up dust and capture it. <sup>11</sup>Then he sweeps on *like* a wind, and he transgresses and *is* guilty, *crediting* his power to his god.

<sup>12</sup>Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, You have established them for correction. <sup>13</sup>You *are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and can not look upon vexations. Why do You look upon those who deal deceitfully? Will you be silent when the wicked swallows *one* more righteous than he? <sup>14</sup>For You make man like the fish of the sea, like creeping things with no ruler over them? <sup>15</sup>He takes up all of them with the hook; he drags them with his net and gathers him with his seine; therefore he rejoices and exults. <sup>16</sup>So he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his seine; because by them his portion *is* fat and his food *is* rich. <sup>17</sup>Shall he then empty his net, and shall he not spare to continually slay nations?

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>I will stand on my watch and set myself on the tower, and will watch to see what He will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain on the tablets, that he who reads it may run. <sup>3</sup>For the vision *is* still for an appointed time, but it pants to the end, and it does not lie. Though it lingers, wait for it; because it will surely come. It will not tarry. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the soul of him is lifted up, and is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith. <sup>5</sup>And also wine betrays a proud man, and he is not content. *He* widens his soul like Sheol, and he *is* like death, and is not satisfied, but gathers all nations to himself, and heaps to himself all the peoples. <sup>6</sup>Shall not all these lift up a parable against him, and a mocking riddle to him, and say, Woe to him who increases *what is* not his! Until when, then shall he load the pledges on himself? <sup>7</sup>Shall not those who strike you rise up suddenly, and *those* shake you awake, and you become a prize to him? <sup>8</sup>Because you have stripped many nations, all the rest of the people shall strip you; because of men's blood, and the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell in it.

<sup>9</sup>Woe *to* him who robs evil booty for his house, to set his nest on high, to be delivered from the hand of evil! <sup>10</sup>You have planned shame to your house, to make

an end of many people, and are sinning *in* your soul. <sup>11</sup>For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

<sup>12</sup>Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity! <sup>13</sup>Behold, *is it* not for the LORD of hosts that the people labor only for fire; yea, the nations weary themselves only for vanity? <sup>14</sup>For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. <sup>15</sup>Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring out your wineskin, and also making *him* drunk, that you may look on their nakedness! <sup>16</sup>You are filled *with* shame instead of glory; drink also, and be seen *as one* uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD's right hand shall turn on you, and disgrace *shall be* your glory. <sup>17</sup>For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the ruin of beasts shall terrify them because of the blood of man, and the violence of the land, the city, and all those dwelling in it.

<sup>18</sup>What does an image profit, for its maker has carved it; a molten image, and a teacher of lies. For does the maker trust in his work on it, to make dumb idols? <sup>19</sup>Woe to him who says to the wood. Awake! To a dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, *it is* overlaid *with* gold and silver, and no breath is in its midst. <sup>20</sup>But the LORD *is* in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet concerning erring ones:

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, I have heard Your report; I am afraid. O LORD, give new life to Your work in the midst of years; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

<sup>3</sup>God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covers the heavens, and His praise fills the earth. <sup>4</sup>And *His* brightness is as the light; rays from His hand *are* His, and there *was* a hiding of His strength. <sup>5</sup>A plague went before Him, and lightning went forth at His feet. <sup>6</sup>He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook nations, and the everlasting mountains were shattered; the eternal hills bowed down. His ways *are* everlasting. <sup>7</sup>I saw the tents of Cushan under calamity; the curtains of the land of Midian trembled. <sup>8</sup>Did the LORD burn against rivers? Or *was* Your anger against the rivers? Or Your wrath against the sea? For You ride on horses, Your chariots of salvation. <sup>9</sup>You make You bow naked, *according* to the oaths of the rods of *Your* word. Selah.

You have cut through the earth *with* rivers. <sup>10</sup>They saw You; mountains trembled. The storm of water passed over; the deep uttered its voice *and* lifted up its hands on high. <sup>11</sup>The sun *and* moon stood still in *their* dwelling. At the light of Your arrows they go, *and* at the shining of Your gleaming spear. <sup>12</sup>You march into the land in fury; You thresh nations in anger. <sup>13</sup>You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for salvation with Your anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, to bare the foundation to the neck. Selah.

<sup>14</sup>You pierced the head of his warriors with his shafts; they rush to scatter me; their rejoicing *is* to devour the meek in a secret place. <sup>15</sup>You trod in the the sea with Your horses, the foaming of many waters. <sup>16</sup>I heard and my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble; to come up against the people; he cuts him off. <sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree shall not blossom, and fruit is not on the vines; the labor of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food. The flock *is* cut off from the fold, and no herd is in the stalls; <sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup>Jehovah the Lord *is* my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk on my high places.

To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

# THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

<sup>2</sup>I will completely snatch away all from on the face of the ground, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>I will snatch away man and beast; I will snatch away the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks, *even* the wicked; and I will cut off man from the face of the land, says the LORD. <sup>4</sup>I will also stretch out My hand on Judah and on all the people of Jerusalem. And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the idol-worshippers, with the priests, <sup>5</sup>and those bowing to the host of heaven on the housetops, and those swearing to Jehovah, also swearing by Malcham; <sup>6</sup>and those drawing back from the LORD, and who have not sought the LORD, nor sought for Him.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the face of the Lord Jehovah, for the day of the LORD is at hand. For the LORD has appointed a sacrifice; He has consecrated His called ones. <sup>8</sup>And it shall be in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, I will punish the rulers, and the king's sons, and all who are clothed *in* foreign clothing. <sup>9</sup>And I will punish all those who leap on the threshold in that day, who fill their masters' houses *with* violence and deceit. <sup>10</sup>And it *shall be* in that day, says the LORD, the sound of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a howling from the Second, and a great crashing from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Howl, people of Maktesh, for all the people of Canaan are cut down; all those who carry silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>And it shall be in that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled on their lees; who say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil. <sup>13</sup>And their goods shall become a prize and their houses a waste. They shall also build houses, but not live *in them*, and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD *is* near; *it is* near and rushing greatly, the voice of the day of the LORD. The mighty man shall cry bitterly there. <sup>15</sup>That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and ruin, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities, and against the high towers. <sup>17</sup>And I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk with the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD. And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. <sup>18</sup>Their silver nor their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy. For He shall make even a full, yea, a speedy end of all the dwellers in the land.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Gather yourselves together; yea, gather, O nation not desired; <sup>2</sup>before the birth of the decree, the day shall pass like the chaff; yet not before the hot anger of the LORD comes on you, before the day of the LORD's anger comes on you. <sup>3</sup>Seek the LORD, all the meek of the earth who have done His justice; seek righteousness; seek meekness. It may be you shall be hidden in the day of the LORD's anger.

<sup>4</sup>For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a ruin. They shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up. <sup>5</sup>Woe *to* the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the LORD *is* against you: Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will destroy you, so not *will be* left an inhabitant. <sup>6</sup>And the sea coast will be pastures, meadows of shepherds, and folds for flocks. <sup>7</sup>And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they



shall feed on them. In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down in the evening, for the LORD their God shall visit them and turn away their captivity.

<sup>8</sup>I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the curses of the sons of Ammon, with which they have cursed My people and have magnified *themselves* on their border. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, as I live, says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah; a possession of nettles, and salt pits, and a ruin forever. The remnant of My people shall plunder them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them. <sup>10</sup>They shall have this for their pride, because they have cursed and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts. <sup>11</sup>The LORD *will be* frightening to them; for He will *make* all the gods of the earth lean; each man from his place, and all the coasts of the nations shall bow to Him.

<sup>12</sup>You Ethiopians also *shall be* slain by My sword. <sup>13</sup>And He will stretch out His hand against the north and destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desert *and* dry like a desert. <sup>14</sup>And flocks shall lie down in her midst, all the beasts of a nation; both the pelican and the bittern shall roost in the capitals of its pillars; a voice shall sing at the window, ruin *shall be* at the doorsill, for he will bare the cedar-work. <sup>15</sup>This *is* the rejoicing city, dwelling confidently, who says in her heart, I *am*, and there *is* yet no *other*. How she has become a ruin, a resting-place for animals! Everyone who passes by her shall hiss; he shall wag his hand.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Woe to her rebelling and becoming defiled, to the oppressing city! <sup>2</sup>She did not obey the voice; she did not receive correction. She trusted not in the LORD; she did not draw near to her God. <sup>3</sup>Her rulers within her *are* roaring lions; her judges evening wolves. They do not gnaw bones for the morning. <sup>4</sup>Her prophets *are* proud, men of deceit; her priests have defiled the sanctuary; they have done violence to the law. <sup>5</sup>The just LORD *is* in her midst; He will not act perversely. Every morning He gives His justice to the light; He fails not; but the perverse knows no shame. <sup>6</sup>I have cut off the nations; their towers are ruined. I made their streets waste, so that none passes by; their cities are laid waste, without a man, there being no inhabitant. <sup>7</sup>I said, Surely you will fear Me; you will receive instruction; then her dwelling shall not be cut off, all that I appointed for her. But they rose early, corrupting all their doings.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore wait for Me, says the LORD, for the day I rise up to the prey; for My judgment *is* to gather the nations, for Me to gather the kingdoms, to pour on them My fury, all My hot anger. For all the earth shall be burned up with the fire of My jealousy. <sup>9</sup>For then I will *give* a clear lip to the people, to call all of them by the name of the LORD, to serve Him *with* one shoulder. <sup>10</sup>From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, My worshipers, the daughter of My scattered ones, shall bring My food offering. <sup>11</sup>In that day you shall not be ashamed for all your doings *in* which you have transgressed against Me; for then I will take away those who rejoice in your pride out of your midst, and you shall never again be proud in My holy mountain. <sup>12</sup>I will also leave in your midst a poor and weak people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity nor speak lies, and a deceitful tongue shall not be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

<sup>14</sup>Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>The LORD has turned off your judgments; He has cast out your enemy. The king of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst; you shall not fear evil any more. <sup>16</sup>In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not! Do not let not your hands droop, Zion. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God *is* mighty in your

midst; He will save, He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love; He rejoices over you with joy. <sup>18</sup>I will gather the afflicted ones from the appointed place; they were from you, a lifting up of reproach over her. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all those who afflict you. And I will save her who is lame, and gather her who was driven out. And I will give them for a praise and for a name in all the land of their shame. <sup>20</sup>In that time I will bring you, even in the time that I gather you; for I will give you for a name and for a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, says the LORD.

# THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high Priest, saying,

<sup>2</sup>So says the LORD of hosts, saying: This people says, The time has not come, the time that the Jehovah's house should he built. <sup>3</sup>Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, <sup>4</sup>*Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your roofed houses, and shall this House lie waste?* <sup>5</sup>And now so says the LORD of hosts: Set your heart on your ways; <sup>6</sup>*you have sown much and bring in little; you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you dress, but no one is warm; and he who hires out himself hires himself for a bag full of holes.*

<sup>7</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Set your heart on your ways. <sup>8</sup>Go up the mountain and bring wood, and build this House; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>*You looked for much, and behold, little! And when you brought it home, then I blew on it. Why, says the LORD of hosts Because of My House that is waste, and you, each man, run to his own house.* <sup>10</sup>Therefore the heavens above you have held back the dew, and the earth is held back from her produce. <sup>11</sup>And I called for a drought in the land, and on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the new wine, and on the oil, and on that which the ground brings forth, and on men, and on cattle, and on all the labor of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared before the LORD. <sup>13</sup>Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the message of LORD to the people, saying, *I am with you, says the LORD.* <sup>14</sup>And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, <sup>15</sup>in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>In the seventh month, in the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying, <sup>2</sup>Now speak to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, <sup>3</sup>*Who is left among you who saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? When compared to it, is it not as nothing in your eyes?* <sup>4</sup>Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD. And be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong all people of the land, says the LORD, and work; for *I am with you, says the LORD of hosts.* <sup>5</sup>*According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you. Fear not.* <sup>6</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land. <sup>7</sup>And I will shake all the nations; and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>*The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts.* <sup>9</sup>*The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says the LORD of hosts.*

<sup>10</sup>In the twenty-fourth of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, <sup>11</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Now ask the priests the law, saying, <sup>12</sup>If one carries holy flesh in the *skirt* of his garment, and touches his *skirt* to bread, or boiled food, or wine, or oil, or any food, will it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. <sup>13</sup>Then Haggai said, If one unclean of body touches these, is it unclean? And the priests answered and said, It is unclean. <sup>14</sup>And Haggai answered and said, So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before Me, says the LORD. And so *is* every work of their hands; and that which they offer there *is* unclean. <sup>15</sup>And now, I ask you, set your heart on it; from this day and onward, before the placing of a stone on a stone in the temple of the LORD; <sup>16</sup>from then onward, *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, and there were *but* ten; *one* came to the wine vat to draw off fifty from the trough, and there were *but* twenty. <sup>17</sup>I struck you with blight and with mildew, and with hail, in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me, says the LORD. <sup>18</sup>Now set your heart on the time from this day and forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, from the day that the LORD's temple was founded. Set your heart: <sup>19</sup>*Is* the seed still in the barn? Yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, has not brought forth. From this day I will bless *you*.

<sup>20</sup>And a second time the word of the LORD came to Haggai in the twenty-fourth of the month, saying, <sup>21</sup>Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth. And I will overthrow the throne of the kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. <sup>22</sup>And I will overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall come down, each one by the sword of his brother. <sup>23</sup>In that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD, and will make you like a signet; for I have chosen you, says the LORD of hosts.

# THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, <sup>2</sup>The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. <sup>3</sup>And you say to them, So says the LORD of hosts: Turn to Me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will turn to you, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>Be not as your fathers, to whom the former prophets have proclaimed to them, saying, So says the LORD of hosts: Turn now from your evil ways and *from* your evil doings. But they did not hear nor listen to Me, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever? <sup>6</sup>But My words and My statutes which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they returned and said, As the LORD of hosts planned to do to us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so He has done with us.

<sup>7</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, it *is* the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, <sup>8</sup>I watched by night. And behold! a Man riding on a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the ravine. And behind Him *were* red, sorrel and white horses. <sup>9</sup>Then I said, O my lord, what are these? And the angel who talked with me said to me, I will show you what these *are*. <sup>10</sup>And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are* those whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro through the earth. <sup>11</sup>And they answered the Angel of the LORD who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sits still and is at peace.

<sup>12</sup>Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah against which You have cursed these seventy years? <sup>13</sup>And the LORD answered the angel who talked with me *with* good words, comfortable words. <sup>14</sup>So the angel who talked with me said to me, Cry out, saying, So says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. <sup>15</sup>And with great anger I am angry at the nations at ease; *in* that I was but a little angry, and they gave help for evil. <sup>16</sup>Therefore so says the LORD: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house shall be built in it, says the LORD of hosts. And a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>Cry out again, saying, So says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall yet be spread abroad through good, and the LORD shall again overflow with goodness, and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

<sup>18</sup>Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, four horns! <sup>19</sup>And I said to the angel who talked with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD showed me four craftsmen. <sup>21</sup>And I said, What *are* these coming to do? And He spoke, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head. But these have come to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold! A man *with* a measuring line in his hand. <sup>2</sup>Then I said, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its breadth and what *is* its length. <sup>3</sup>And behold, the angel who talked with me went out, and another angel went out to meet him.

<sup>4</sup>And he said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited, as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle in her midst.

<sup>5</sup>And I, says the LORD, will be to her a wall of fire all around, and will be the glory in her midst.

<sup>6</sup>Ho! Ho! Flee then from the land of the north, says the LORD. For I have scattered you as the four winds of the heavens, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Ho, O Zion, escape, you who live *with* the daughter of Babylon. <sup>8</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts: He has sent me after glory, to the nations who stripped you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye. <sup>9</sup>For behold, I will shake My hand over them, and they shall be a prize for their servants. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me.

<sup>10</sup>Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion. For lo, I come, and I will dwell in your midst, says the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be My people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD shall possess Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. <sup>13</sup>Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He has risen out of His holy dwelling place.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, May the LORD rebuke you, Satan! May even the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! *Is* this not a brand plucked out of the fire? <sup>3</sup>Now Joshua was clothed with filthy clothes, and stood before the Angel. <sup>4</sup>And He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy clothes from him. And to him He said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with ceremonial robes. <sup>5</sup>And I said, Let them set a clean turban on his head. And they set a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. <sup>6</sup>And the Angel of the LORD charged Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among these who stand by.

<sup>8</sup>Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you; for they *are* men of symbol. For behold! I will bring forth My Servant the Branch. <sup>9</sup>For behold the stone that I have set before Joshua. On one stone *are* seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its engraving, says the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. <sup>10</sup>In that day, says the LORD of hosts, you shall call, *each* man to his neighbor, to *sit* under the vine and under the fig tree.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And the angel that talked with me came again and awakened me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup>And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand all *of* it gold, and a bowl on its top. And its seven lamps *are* on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps on its top; <sup>3</sup>and two olive trees beside it, one on the right of the bowl, and the other on the left of it. <sup>4</sup>And I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? <sup>5</sup>Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, Do you know what these are? And I said, No, my lord. <sup>6</sup>Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup>Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you *shall* become a plain; and he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings, Grace! Grace to it!

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>10</sup>For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the LORD which run to and fro through the whole earth.

<sup>11</sup>And I answered and said to him, What *are* these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left? <sup>12</sup>And I answered again and said to him, What *are* the two olive clusters which *are* beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden oil from themselves? <sup>13</sup>And he answered me and said, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. <sup>14</sup>And he said, These *are* the two sons of fresh oil who stand by the LORD of the whole earth.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And I again lifted up my eyes and looked. And behold! A flying scroll. <sup>2</sup>And he said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying roll; its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth; for from now on everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it; and everyone who swears from now on shall be cut off according to it. <sup>4</sup>I will bring it forth, says the LORD of hosts; and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears falsely by My name. And it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall bring it to an end, and its timber and its stones.

<sup>5</sup>Then the angel who talked with me went forth and said to me, Now lift up your eyes and see what this *is* that goes forth. <sup>6</sup>And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This is the ephah that goes forth. And he said, This *is* their form in all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And behold, a lead cover was lifted up, and a woman *was* sitting in the middle of the ephah. <sup>8</sup>And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah. And he cast the lead stone over its opening. <sup>9</sup>And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, two women *came* out. And the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork. And they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. <sup>10</sup>And I said to the angel who talked with me, Where are they going with the ephah? <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established and set there on its own base.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked. And behold! Four chariots were coming from between two mountains. And the mountains *were* mountains of bronze. <sup>2</sup>Red horses *were* in the first chariot; and in the second chariot black horses; <sup>3</sup>and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot horses *with* dappled, strong colors. <sup>4</sup>And I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, What *are* these, my lord? <sup>5</sup>And the angel answered and said to me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens who go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup>The black horses in it go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the dappled go forth to a south country. <sup>7</sup>And the strong-colored ones went forth and sought to go, so to walk to and fro through the earth. And he said, Go! Walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. <sup>8</sup>And he cried to me and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these who go toward the north country have caused My Spirit to rest in the north country.

<sup>9</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>10</sup>Take from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, from the exiles who have come from Babylon; and in that day you

go and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah. <sup>11</sup>And take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. <sup>12</sup>And speak to him, saying, So speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose name is The BRANCH! And He shall spring up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. <sup>14</sup>And the crowns shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD to Helem and to Tobijah and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah. <sup>15</sup>And the distant ones shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And *this* shall be, if you will carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God.

### CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the fourth year of king Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah in the fourth of the ninth month, in Chisleu. <sup>2</sup>And Sherezer and Regem-melech and his men had been sent to the house of God, to seek the favor of the LORD — <sup>3</sup>to speak to the priests who *belong* to the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, consecrating myself, as I have done these many years? <sup>4</sup>And came the word of the LORD of hosts to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *months*, even those seventy years, did you truly fast to Me, *even* to Me? <sup>6</sup>And when you ate, and when you drank, was it not for those eating and drinking? <sup>7</sup>Are not *these* the words which the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited, and prosperous, and her cities all around her, and the Negeb and the Shephelah were inhabited?

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, <sup>9</sup>So speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Judge true judgment, and practice kindness and pity, *each* man to his brother. <sup>10</sup>And do not crush the widow or the orphan, the alien or the poor. And do not devise evil in your heart, of a man *against* his brother. <sup>11</sup>But they refused to listen, and gave a stubborn shoulder, and made heavy their ears from hearing. <sup>12</sup>And they made their hearts adamant from hearing the law and the words which the LORD of hosts has sent through His Spirit, by the former prophets. And great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. <sup>13</sup>And it will be, as He called, and they did not listen, so they called, and I did not listen, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup>But I stormed them away on all the nations whom they did not know. And the land has been wasted behind them, from passing and from returning; for they made the land of desire a waste.

### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD of hosts came to *me*, saying, <sup>2</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: I was jealous for Zion *with* great jealousy, and I was jealous for her *with* great fury. <sup>3</sup>So says the LORD: I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: There shall yet be old men and old women living in the streets of Jerusalem, and *each* man *with* his staff in his hand *because* of their many days. <sup>5</sup>And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes, says the LORD? of hosts. <sup>7</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the land of the setting sun. <sup>8</sup>And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of



Jerusalem. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

<sup>9</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, that in the day the house of the LORD of hosts is laid, the temple *is* to be built. <sup>10</sup>For before these days there was no wage for man, nor wage for animal; nor for him going, or for him coming, from the adversary. For I sent every man, a man against his neighbor. <sup>11</sup>But now I *will* not *be* to the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>For the seed *shall be* blessed; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*. <sup>13</sup>And it will be, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so it will be, I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, *but* let your hands be strong. <sup>14</sup>For so says the LORD of hosts: As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, says the LORD of hosts, and I did not repent; <sup>15</sup>so again I have thought in these days to do well to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear not.

<sup>16</sup>These *are* the things that you shall do. *Each* man speak the truth to his neighbor. Judge *with* truth and justice *for* peace in your gates. <sup>17</sup>And let each devise no evil in your heart *against* his neighbor; and love no false oath. For all these *are things* that I hate, says the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>19</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah for joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace. <sup>20</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: There yet shall be peoples and inhabitants of many cities; <sup>21</sup>and the residents of one shall go to another, saying, Let us go at once to seek favor of the face of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will go also. <sup>22</sup>And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to seek the favor of the face of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>So says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men, out of all languages of the nations, shall take hold, and will seize the skirt of a man, a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God *is* with you.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>The burden of the word of the LORD against the land of Hadrach, and its resting-place, Damascus (when the eye of man, and all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD); <sup>2</sup>and Hamath also borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though very wise. <sup>3</sup>And Tyre shall build herself a stronghold, and shall heap up silver like the dust, and gold like the mud of the streets; <sup>4</sup>behold, the Lord will cast her out, and He will strike her wealth in the sea, and she shall be burned up with fire. <sup>5</sup>Ashkelon shall see and fear; Gaza also shall writhe in great pain; and Ekron shall be ashamed for her hope. And the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. <sup>6</sup>And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. <sup>7</sup>And I will take away his bloods out of his mouth, and his idolatries from between his teeth. But the remnant, even he, *shall be* for our God. And he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron like a Jebusite. <sup>8</sup>And I will camp around My house because of an army, because of him who passed by, and because of him who returns. And no tyrant shall pass through them any more. For now I have seen with My eyes.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you. He *is* righteous and victorious, meek and riding on an

ass, even on a colt, the son of an ass. <sup>10</sup>And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem. And the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; and His dominion *shall be* from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>You also, by the blood of Your covenant I have freed Your prisoners out of the pit in which *is* no water.

<sup>12</sup>Turn to the stronghold, prisoners of hope; even today I declare that I will return to you double. <sup>13</sup>For I have bent Judah for me *as* a bow; I filled *it* with Ephraim, and I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you *as* the sword of a mighty man. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth like the lightning; and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go out with the windstorms of the south. <sup>15</sup>The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour and trample the slingstones. And they shall drink and be boisterous, *as* through wine. And they shall be filled like a bowl, and *like* the corners of the altar. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD their God shall save them in that day *as* the flock of His people; for *they are as* stones of a crown, lifted up *as* a banner over His land. <sup>17</sup>For how great *is* its goodness and how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

#### CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Ask rain from the LORD in the time of the latter rain. The LORD shall make storm clouds, and He gives them showers of rain, grass to everyone in the field. <sup>2</sup>For the family idols speak iniquity, and the diviners have seen a lie and have told false dreams. They comfort in vain; therefore they wandered like a flock; they were troubled because *there was* no shepherd. <sup>3</sup>My anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for the LORD of hosts has visited His flock the house of Judah, and has made them *as* His beautiful horse in battle. <sup>4</sup>Out of Him *came* the cornerstone; out of Him the nail; out of Him the battle bow; out of Him every oppressor together.

<sup>5</sup>And they shall be like mighty ones who trample the mud of the streets in the battle. And they shall fight because the LORD *is* with them, and they shall make the riders on horses ashamed. <sup>6</sup>And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will return to save them; for I have pity on them. And they shall be *as* though I had not cast them off; for I *am* the LORD their God, and I will answer them. <sup>7</sup>And Ephraim shall be like a mighty one, and their heart shall rejoice *as* by wine. And their sons shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in their heart in the LORD. <sup>8</sup>I will hiss for them and gather them; for I have redeemed them. And they shall be many *as* they were many. <sup>9</sup>And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in the distances; and they shall live with their sons and return. <sup>10</sup>I will return to save them out of the land of Egypt, and I will gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; for *room* shall not be found for them. <sup>11</sup>And he shall pass through the sea of distress, and shall strike the waves in the sea; and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up. And the pride of Assyria shall be humbled, and the scepter of Egypt shall move away. <sup>12</sup>And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in His name, says the LORD.

#### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Open your doors, O Lebanon, so that the fire may devour your cedars. <sup>2</sup>Howl, juniper; for the cedar has fallen; because the majestic *trees* are devastated. Howl, O oaks of Bashan; for the inaccessible forest has come down.

<sup>3</sup>*There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is destroyed. There is a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is destroyed. <sup>4</sup>For so says the LORD my God: Feed the flock of the slaughter, <sup>5</sup>those buying

them kill them, and hold themselves not guilty. And those who sell them say, Blessed *be* the LORD, for I am rich; and their shepherds do not pity them. <sup>6</sup>For I will never again pity the people of the land, says the LORD; but lo, I will make the men come out, each one into his neighbor's hand and into his king's hand. And they shall strike the land, and I will not deliver out of their hand. <sup>7</sup>And I fed the flock of slaughter, *even* the poor of the flock. And I took two staves for myself; the one I called Kindness, and the other I called Union. And I fed the flock. <sup>8</sup>I also cut off three shepherds in one month; and my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also despised me. <sup>9</sup>And I said, I will not feed you; that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off. And those left, let them eat, each woman her neighbor's flesh.

<sup>10</sup>And I took my staff Kindness, and broke it apart, to break My covenant which I had made with all the people. <sup>11</sup>And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock who were watching Me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>And I said to them, If it is good, give My price; and if not, let it go. So they weighed My price thirty *pieces* of silver. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD said to me, Throw it to the potter, the magnificent price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>Then I broke My other staff Union apart, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to me, Take to yourself yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. <sup>16</sup>For lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those going to ruin, nor will he seek the young, nor will heal that which is broken, nor will he feed that which stands. But he shall eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooks in pieces. <sup>17</sup>Woe to the worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! The sword *shall be* on his arm and on his right eye; his arm shall be completely dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, says the LORD, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him. <sup>2</sup>Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the peoples all around, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples. All who lift it shall be slashed, and all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. <sup>4</sup>In that day, says the LORD, I will strike every horse with terror, and his rider with madness. And I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. <sup>5</sup>And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The people of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

<sup>6</sup>In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire among cut grain. And they shall devour all the peoples all around, on the right hand and on the left hand. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her place, in Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the people of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah. <sup>8</sup>In that day the LORD shall defend around the people of Jerusalem. And it will be, he who is feeble among them at that day *shall be* like David; and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

<sup>9</sup>And it shall be in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>And I will pour on the house of David, and on the people of

Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for *his only son*, and shall be bitter over Him, as the bitterness over the first-born. <sup>11</sup>In that day shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. <sup>12</sup>And the land shall mourn, each family apart; the family of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart <sup>13</sup>the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; <sup>14</sup>all the families who remain, each family apart and their wives apart.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the people of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

<sup>2</sup>And it shall be in that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall be remembered no more. And also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. <sup>3</sup>And it shall be when any shall yet prophesy, his father and his mother who gave birth to him shall say to him then, You shall not live; for you speak lies in the name of the LORD. And his father and his mother who gave him birth shall thrust him through when he prophesies. <sup>4</sup>And it shall be in that day, the prophets shall be ashamed, each one of his vision, when he prophesies. And they shall not wear a hairy garment to deceive. <sup>5</sup>But he shall say, *I am* no prophet; *I am* a man, a tiller of the ground; for a man taught me to buy from my youth. <sup>6</sup>And *one* shall say to him, *What are* these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of those who love Me.

<sup>7</sup>Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man *who is* My companion, says the LORD of hosts; strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. And I will turn My hand on the little ones. <sup>8</sup>And it shall be in all the land, says the LORD, two parts in it shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left in it. <sup>9</sup>And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, *It is* My people; and they shall say, *The LORD is* my God.

### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst. <sup>2</sup>For I will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle.

<sup>4</sup>And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east and to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. <sup>5</sup>And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. And the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with you. <sup>6</sup>And it will be in that day, there shall not be light; the glorious ones shall shrink. <sup>7</sup>And it will be one day which shall be known to the LORD, neither day nor night; but it will happen that at evening time it shall be light. <sup>8</sup>And it shall be in that day, living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them *shall go* toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea. In summer and in winter it shall be.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD shall be king over all the earth; in that day there shall be one LORD, and His name shall be one. <sup>10</sup>All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. And it shall rise and dwell in its place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the First Gate; to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses. <sup>11</sup>And they shall dwell in it, and there shall never again be a shutting in; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

<sup>12</sup>And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes shall rot in their sockets. And their tongue shall rot in their mouth. <sup>13</sup>And it shall be in that day a great panic of the LORD shall be among them. And they shall each one lay hold of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor. <sup>14</sup>And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations all around shall be gathered, gold, and silver, and clothing in great abundance. <sup>15</sup>And so shall be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the ass, and of all the beasts which shall be in these tents, like this plague.

<sup>16</sup>And it shall be, everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>17</sup>And it shall be, whoever will not come up from *all* the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, even on them shall be no rain. <sup>18</sup>And if the family of Egypt does not go up, and nor come in, they shall have no *rain*, *but* the plague with which the LORD shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>19</sup>This shall be Egypt's offense, and the offense of all the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

<sup>20</sup>In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, **HOLY TO THE LORD**. And the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup>Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts. And all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil in them. And in that day there shall not be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts any more.

# THE BOOK OF MALACHI

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

<sup>2</sup>I have loved you, says the LORD. But you say, In what have you loved us? *Was not Esau Jacob's brother?* says the LORD; yet I loved Jacob, <sup>3</sup>and I hated Esau and laid his mountains and his inheritance waste for the jackals of the wilderness. <sup>4</sup>If Edom says, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places. So says the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them the region of wickedness, and the people *with whom the LORD is indignant forever.* <sup>5</sup>And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, The LORD will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. If then I *am* a father, where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a master, where *is* My fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. And you say, In what way have we despised Your name? <sup>7</sup>*You* offer defiled bread upon My altar; and you say, In what way have we defiled You? In your saying, The table of the LORD, *it is* a thing to be despised. <sup>8</sup>And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, *is it* not evil? Bring it now to your governor. Will he accept you, or lift up your face, says the LORD of hosts? <sup>9</sup>And now entreat the face of God, that He favor us. This has been by your hands, will He lift up your faces, says the LORD of hosts? <sup>10</sup>Who *is* even among you who will shut the doors, and you not kindle *fire* on My altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts. I will not be pleased with an offering from you. <sup>11</sup>For from the rising of the sun even to its going in, My name *shall be great* among the nations; and everywhere incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure food offering. For My name *shall be great* among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>12</sup>But you are profaning it when you say, The table of the LORD, *it is* polluted; and its fruit, His food, *is to be despised.* <sup>13</sup>You also said, Behold, what a weariness *it is!* And you have puffed at it, says the LORD of hosts. And you bring plunder, and the lame, and the sick, and you bring the food offering. Should I accept it from your hand, says the LORD? <sup>14</sup>But cursed *be* a deceiver; and there *is* in his flock a male, yet he vows *it*, but sacrifices to the LORD a blemished *one.* For I *am* a great king, says the LORD of hosts, and My name *is* feared among the nations.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And now, O priests, this command *is* for you. <sup>2</sup>If you will not set *it* on *your* heart to give glory to My name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. And indeed I have cursed it, because you do not set *it* on *your* heart. <sup>3</sup>Behold, I *am* rebuking your seed; and I will spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your appointed feasts. And one shall lift you up to it. <sup>4</sup>And you shall know that I have sent this command to you, to be My covenant with Levi, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup>My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him *for* fear; and he feared Me, and he is awed before My name. <sup>6</sup>The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and turned away many from iniquity. <sup>7</sup>For the priest's lips should guard knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he *is* the messenger of the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>But you have turned out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup>Therefore I have also made you despised and low before all the people, just as you have not kept My

ways but *are* lifting up faces in the law. <sup>10</sup>Is there not one Father to us all? *Has* not one God created us? Why do we act deceitfully, *each* man with his brother, to profane the covenant of our fathers.

<sup>11</sup>Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the holy *place* of the LORD, which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. <sup>12</sup>The LORD will cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does it; stirring and answering; or offering a food offering to the LORD of hosts. <sup>13</sup>And this *is* a second *thing* you have done, covering the altar of the LORD *with* tears, *with* weeping and groaning, yet not facing toward the food offering, and taking *it with* delight from your hand.

<sup>14</sup>Yet you say, Why? Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she *is* your companion and your covenant wife. <sup>15</sup>And did He not make one? Yet the vestige of the Spirit *is in* him. And what *of* the one? He was seeking a godly seed. Then guard your spirit, and do not act treacherously with the wife of your youth. <sup>16</sup>The LORD, the God of Israel, says He hates sending away; and to cover *with* violence on his garment, says the LORD of hosts. Then guard your spirit, and do not act treacherously.

<sup>17</sup>You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, In what have we wearied *Him*? When you say, Every evildoer *is* good in the eyes of the LORD, and He delights in them; or, Where *is* the God of justice?

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I will send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the LORD, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He comes, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap. <sup>3</sup>And He shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver. And He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may be offerers of a food offering in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the food offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to the LORD, as *in* the days of old and as *in* former years. <sup>5</sup>And I will come near you to judgment. And I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those who extort from the hired laborer's wages, the widow, and the orphan, and the alien, and not fearing Me, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>For *I am* the LORD, I change not. Because of this you sons of Jacob are not destroyed.

<sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, In what way shall we return? <sup>8</sup>Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, In what have we robbed You? In the tithe and the offering! <sup>9</sup>You *are* cursed with a curse; for you *are* robbing Me, the nation, all of it. <sup>10</sup>Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says the LORD of hosts, to see if I will not open the windows of Heaven for you, and pour out a blessing for you, until *there* is no sufficiency. <sup>11</sup>And I will rebuke your devourer, and he shall not decay the fruit of your ground against you; nor shall your vine miscarry against you in the field, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>And all nations shall call you blessed; for you shall be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>13</sup>Your words have been strong against Me, says the LORD. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You? <sup>14</sup>You have said, *It is* vain to serve God; and, What profit *is it* that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked as mourners

before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we *are* calling the arrogant blessed. Not only are the doers of wickedness built up, they also test God, and escape.

<sup>16</sup>Then those fearing the LORD spoke together, *each* man to his neighbor. And the LORD listened and heard. And a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared the LORD, and for those esteeming His name. <sup>17</sup>And they shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, for the day that I will make up My treasure. And I will pity them as a man has pity on his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then you shall again see the *difference* between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God, and him who does not serve Him.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>For behold, the day is coming, burning like a firepot; and all the proud, and every doer of wickedness, shall be chaff. And the coming day will set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, which will not leave root or branches to them.

<sup>2</sup>But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, and healing *will be* on His wings. And you shall go out and frisk like calves of the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day which I *am* preparing, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and judgments.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I *am* sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction.

THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



# THE NEW TESTAMENT

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

### CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The book of the generations of Jesus Christ, *the son of David, the son of Abraham.* <sup>2</sup>Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers. <sup>3</sup>And Judah fathered Pharez and Zarah of Tamar. And Pharez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Ram, <sup>4</sup>and Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon. <sup>5</sup>And Salmon fathered Boaz of Rahab, and Boaz fathered Obed of Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse fathered David the king.

And David the king fathered Solomon of *her who had been wife* of Uriah. <sup>7</sup>And Solomon fathered Rehoboam, and Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa. <sup>8</sup>And Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat fathered Jehoram, and Jehoram fathered Uzziah. <sup>9</sup>And Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah. <sup>10</sup>And Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, and Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah. <sup>11</sup>And Josiah fathered Jehoiachin and his brothers, at the time they were carried away to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup>And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jehoiachin fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel. <sup>13</sup>And Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor. <sup>14</sup>And Azor fathered Sadoc, and Sadoc fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud. <sup>15</sup>And Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob. <sup>16</sup>And Jacob fathered Joseph, the *betrothed* husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations. And from David until the carrying away into Babylon, fourteen generations. And from the carrying away into Babylon until Christ, fourteen generations.

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ was this way — for Mary His mother was espoused to Joseph — before they came together, she was found *to be* with child by *the Holy Spirit*. <sup>19</sup>But Joseph her *betrothed* husband being just, and not willing to make her a public example, *he* purposed to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup>And *as* he thought upon these things, behold, the angel of *the Lord* appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take to you Mary *as* your wife. For that which is conceived in her is of *the Holy Spirit*. <sup>21</sup>And she shall bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

<sup>22</sup>Now all this happened so that it might be fulfilled that *which was* spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive in *her* womb, and will bear a son. And they will call His name Emmanuel,” which being interpreted is, God with us.

<sup>24</sup>And Joseph, being roused from sleep, did as the angel of *the Lord* commanded him and took his wife, <sup>25</sup>and did not know her until she bore her son, the Firstborn. And he called His name JESUS.

### CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea *in the days* of Herod the king, behold, wise men came from *the east* to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, Where is He

who is born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him. <sup>3</sup>But when Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. <sup>5</sup>And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea. For so it is written by the prophet, “And you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, are not the least among the governors of Judah. For out of you shall come a Governor who shall rule My people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, inquired of them exactly what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child. And when you have found *him*, bring me word again so that I may come and worship him also. <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they departed. And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them until it came and stood over where the child was. <sup>10</sup>And seeing the star, they rejoiced *with* exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup>And coming into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother. And they fell down and worshiped Him. And opening their treasures, they presented gifts to Him, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

<sup>13</sup>And when they had departed, behold, the angel of *the* Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and His mother and flee into Egypt. And be there until I bring you word, for Herod is about to seek the child to destroy Him.

<sup>14</sup>And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt. <sup>15</sup>And he was there until the death of Herod; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the LORD through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called My Son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was greatly enraged. And he sent and killed all the boys in Bethlehem, and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had carefully inquired of the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are *not*.”

<sup>19</sup>But Herod having expired, behold, an angel of *the* Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, Arise, and take the child and His mother. And go into the land of Israel. For the ones who sought the child’s life are dead. <sup>21</sup>And he arose and took the child and His mother and came into *the* land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judea in his father Herod’s place, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he came and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, “The voice of *one* crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of *the* Lord, make His path straight.” <sup>4</sup>And the same John had his clothing of camel’s hair and a leather girdle about his loins. And his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him,

and all the region round about Jordan. <sup>6</sup>And they were baptized by him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said to them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance; <sup>9</sup>and do not think to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as *our* father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup>And now also, the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I indeed baptize you with water to repentance. But He who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He shall baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit and with fire; <sup>12</sup>whose fan is in His hand, and He will cleanse His floor and gather His wheat into the storehouse; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>But John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me? <sup>15</sup>And answering Jesus said to him, Allow *it* now; for so it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed Him. <sup>16</sup>And Jesus, when He had been baptized, went up immediately out of the water. And lo, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup>And lo, a voice from Heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit up into the wilderness, to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup>And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterwards hungry. <sup>3</sup>And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If You are *the* Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. <sup>4</sup>But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of *the* mouth of God." <sup>5</sup>Then the Devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him upon a pinnacle of the Temple. <sup>6</sup>And *he* said to Him, If you are *the* Son of God, cast yourself down. For it is written, "He shall give His angels charge concerning You, and in *their* hands they shall bear You up, lest at any time You dash Your foot against a stone." <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, It is written again, "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." <sup>8</sup>Again, the Devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And *he* said to Him, All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, Get away from here, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." <sup>11</sup>Then the Devil left him. And behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

<sup>12</sup>But when Jesus heard that John was thrown into prison, He departed into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is on the seacoast, in *the* borders of Zebulun and Naphtali — <sup>14</sup>so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, <sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by *the* sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the nations! <sup>16</sup>The people who sat in darkness saw a great Light; and Light has sprung up to those who sat in the region and shadow of death." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

<sup>18</sup>And walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea. For they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. <sup>20</sup>And they immediately left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there, he saw another two brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship

with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them; <sup>22</sup>and they immediately left the ship and their father and followed Him.

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. <sup>24</sup>And His fame went throughout all Syria. And they brought to Him all sick people who were pressed down by different kinds of diseases and torments, and those who were possessed with demons, and those who were lunatics, and those who had been paralyzed. And He healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great multitudes of people followed Him, from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and beyond Jordan.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain. And when He had sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup>And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying,

<sup>3</sup>Blessed *are* the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed *are* they that mourn! For they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed *are* the meek! For they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed *are* they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed *are* the merciful! For they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed *are* the pure in heart! For they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed *are* the peacemakers! For they shall be called the sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed *are* they who have been persecuted for righteousness sake! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed *are* you when men shall revile you and persecute *you*, and shall say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward in Heaven is great. For so they persecuted the prophets who *were* before you.

<sup>13</sup>You *are* the salt of the earth — but if the salt loses its savor, with what shall it be salted? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and to be trodden underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do men light a lamp and put it under the grain-measure, but on a lampstand. And it gives light to all who *are* in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I say to you, Till Heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the law until all is fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever shall break one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>20</sup>For I say to you that unless your righteousness shall exceed *that of* the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>21</sup>You have heard that it was said to the ancients, “You shall not kill” — and, “Whoever shall kill shall be liable to the judgment.” <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the sanhedrin; but whoever shall say, Fool! shall be liable to be thrown into the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore if you offer your gift on the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go.

First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are still in the way with him; that the opponent not deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I say to you, You shall by no means come out from there until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not commit adultery." <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>And if your right eye offend you, pluck it out and throw it from you. For it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be thrown into hell.

<sup>30</sup>And if your right hand offend you, cut it off and throw it from you. For it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be thrown into hell. <sup>31</sup>It was also said, Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a bill of divorce. <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that whoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever shall marry her who is put away commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>Again, you have heard that it has been said to the ancients, "You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord." <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all! Not by Heaven, because it is God's throne; <sup>35</sup>not by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King; <sup>36</sup>Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>But let your word be, Yes, yes; No, no. For whatever is more than these comes from evil.

<sup>38</sup>You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist evil. But whoever shall strike you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup>And to him desiring to sue you, and to take away your tunic, let him have your coat also. <sup>41</sup>And whoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup>Give to him who asks of you, and you shall not turn away from him who would borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you — <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on *the* evil and on *the* good, and sends rain on *the* just and on *the* unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax-collectors do so? <sup>48</sup>Therefore be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Take heed that you do not do your alms before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward with your Father in Heaven. <sup>2</sup>Therefore when you do your alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may have glory from men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you do alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand does, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret Himself shall reward you openly.

<sup>5</sup>And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. <sup>6</sup>But you, when you pray, enter into your closet. And shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly. <sup>7</sup>But when you pray, do

not babble vain words, as the nations. For they think that in their much speaking they shall be heard. <sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask Him. <sup>9</sup>Therefore pray in this way:

Our Father, *who is* in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as *it is* in Heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread;

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>16</sup>And when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, of a sad face. For they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to fast. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. <sup>17</sup>But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that you do not appear to men to fast, but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.

<sup>19</sup>Do not lay up treasures on earth for yourselves, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. <sup>20</sup>But lay up treasures in Heaven for yourselves, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>22</sup>The light of the body is the eye. Therefore if your eye is sound, your whole body shall be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

<sup>24</sup>No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup>Therefore I say to you, Do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Behold the birds of the air; for they sow not, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them; are you not much better than they are? <sup>27</sup>Which of you *by* being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, nor do they spin, <sup>29</sup>and yet I say to you that even Solomon in his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>Therefore if God so clothes the grass of the field, *which* today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much rather clothe you, little-faiths? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup>For the nations seek after all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow shall be anxious for its own *things*. Sufficient to the day *is* the evil of it.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Judge not, that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with whatever judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with whatever measure you measure out, it shall be

measured to you again. <sup>3</sup>And why do you look on the splinter that is in your brother's eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull the splinter out of your eye; and, behold, a beam is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Hypocrite! First cast the beam out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to cast the splinter out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>Do not give that which is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and tear you. <sup>7</sup>Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For each one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there of you, if his son asks a loaf, will he give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him? <sup>12</sup>Therefore all things whatever you desire that men should do to you, do even so to them — for this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>Go in through the narrow gate — for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in through it. <sup>14</sup>Because narrow *is* the gate and narrow *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

<sup>15</sup>Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup>You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

<sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to Me, Lord! Lord! shall enter the kingdom of Heaven — but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, Lord! Lord! Did we not prophesy in Your name, and through Your name throw out demons, and through Your name do many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup>And then I will say to them I never knew you! Depart from Me, those working lawlessness!

<sup>24</sup>Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock. <sup>25</sup>And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house. And it did not fall, for it was founded on a rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these sayings of Mine and does not do them shall be likened to a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the wind blew and beat on that house. And it fell, and great was its fall.

<sup>28</sup>And it happened, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching. <sup>29</sup>For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>When He had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if You will, You can make me clean. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, I will; be clean! And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, See *that* you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest. And offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

<sup>5</sup>And when Jesus had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, beseeching Him, <sup>6</sup>and saying, Lord, my child lies at home paralyzed and

grievously tormented. <sup>7</sup>And Jesus says to him, I will come and heal him. <sup>8</sup>The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my child will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go! And he goes; and to another, Come! And he comes; and to my servant, Do this! And he does it. <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard, He marvelled and said to those who followed, Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in Israel. <sup>11</sup>And I say to you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven. <sup>12</sup>But the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>13</sup>And Jesus said to the centurion, Go. And as you have believed, so let it be to you. And his child was healed in that hour.

<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother laid out and in a fever. <sup>15</sup>And He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

<sup>16</sup>And evening coming on, they brought to Him many possessed with demons. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick <sup>17</sup>so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took on *Himself* our weaknesses and bore *our* sicknesses."

<sup>18</sup>And seeing great crowds, Jesus gave orders to depart to the other side. <sup>19</sup>And a certain scribe came and said to him, Master, I will follow You wherever You go. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay *His* head. <sup>21</sup>And another of His disciples said to him, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father. <sup>22</sup>But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and let the dead bury their dead.

<sup>23</sup>And He entering into a ship, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup>And behold, a great tempest arose in the sea, so much so that the ship was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And His disciples came to Him and awakened Him, saying, Lord, save us! We perish! <sup>26</sup>And He said to them, Why are you afraid, little-faiths? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup>But the man marveled, saying, What kind of *man* is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

<sup>28</sup>And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, two demon-possessed ones met Him, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. <sup>29</sup>And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with You, Jesus, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time? <sup>30</sup>And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine, feeding. <sup>31</sup>And the demons begged Him, saying, If You cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of swine. <sup>32</sup>And He said to them, Go! And when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea and perished in the waters. <sup>33</sup>And those who kept *them* fled. And going into the city, *they* told everything, and what had happened to the ones possessed of demons. <sup>34</sup>And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged that He would depart out of their borders.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came to *His* own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, they brought to Him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Son, be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven you. <sup>3</sup>And lo, some of the scribes said within themselves, This one blasphemeth. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil in



your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier? To say, *Your sins are forgiven you*, or to say, *Arise and walk!* <sup>6</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins, then He said to the paralytic, *Arise, take up your bed and go to your house.* <sup>7</sup>And he arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup>But when the crowds saw, *they marveled and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*

<sup>9</sup>And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax-office. And He said to him, *Follow Me!* And he arose and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup>And it happened as Jesus reclined in the house, behold, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw, they said to His disciples, *Why does your master eat with tax-collectors and sinners?* <sup>12</sup>But when Jesus heard, He said to them, *The ones who are whole do not need a physician, but the ones who are sick.* <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what *this* is, I will have mercy and not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

<sup>14</sup>Then the disciples of John came to Him saying, *Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?* <sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, *Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast.* <sup>16</sup>No one puts a piece of new cloth onto an old garment; for that which is put in to fill it up takes from the garment, and the tear is made worse. <sup>17</sup>Nor do men put new wine into old wineskins; else the wineskins burst, and the wine runs out, and the wineskins perish. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved together.

<sup>18</sup>While He spoke these things to them, behold, a certain ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, *My daughter has just now died. But come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.* <sup>19</sup>And Jesus arose and followed him. And so did His disciples.

<sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman, who had a flow of blood for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the hem of His garment. <sup>21</sup>For she said within herself, *If only I shall touch His robe, I will be whole.* <sup>22</sup>But turning and seeing her, Jesus said, *Daughter, be comforted; your faith has saved you. And the woman was saved from that hour.*

<sup>23</sup>And when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, <sup>24</sup>He said to them, *Go back, for the little girl is not dead, but sleeps.* And they laughed Him to scorn. <sup>25</sup>But when the people were put out, He went in and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose. <sup>26</sup>And this report went out into all that land.

<sup>27</sup>And when Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying and saying, *Son of David, have mercy on us.* <sup>28</sup>And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, *Do you believe that I am able to do this?* They said to Him, *Yes, Lord.* <sup>29</sup>Then He touched their eyes, saying, *According to your faith let it be to you.* <sup>30</sup>And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, *See, let no one know.* <sup>31</sup>But going out, they made Him known in all that land.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man, demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb one spoke. And multitudes marveled, saying, *Never was it seen like this in Israel!* <sup>34</sup>But the Pharisees said, *He throws out demons by the ruler of the demons.*

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup>But seeing the crowds, He was moved with

compassion on them, because they were tired and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send out laborers into His harvest.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And when He had called to Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. <sup>2</sup>And the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother — James the *son of Zebedee* and John his brother — <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew — Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector — James the *son of Alphaeus*, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus — <sup>4</sup>Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. <sup>5</sup>Jesus sent out these twelve, commanding them, saying, Do not go into the way of *the nations*, and do not enter into any city of *the Samaritans*. <sup>6</sup>But rather go to the lost sheep of *the house of Israel*. <sup>7</sup>And as you go, proclaim, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is at hand. <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received freely, freely give. <sup>9</sup>Do not provide gold nor silver, nor copper in your purse, <sup>10</sup>nor a bag for the journey, nor two coats, nor sandals, nor staves. For the workman is worthy of his food. <sup>11</sup>And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who within it is worthy. And there abide until you go away from there. <sup>12</sup>And when you come into a house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come on it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And whoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when you depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. <sup>15</sup>Truly I say to you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

<sup>16</sup>Behold, I send you out as sheep in *the midst of wolves*. Therefore be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup>But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup>And you shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the nations. <sup>19</sup>But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what you shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what you shall speak. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. <sup>21</sup>And brother will deliver up brother to death, and *the father his child*. And the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death. <sup>22</sup>And you will be hated of all men for My name's sake, but the *one* who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>23</sup>But when they persecute you in this city, flee into another; for truly I say to you, You shall not have gone over the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. <sup>25</sup>*It is enough* for the disciple that he is like his master, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of his household? <sup>26</sup>Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and nothing hidden which shall not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear, proclaim it on the housetops.

<sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>Then everyone who shall confess Me before men, I will confess him before My Father who is in Heaven.

<sup>33</sup>But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in Heaven.

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a man's foes *shall be* those of his *own* household. <sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>He who finds his life shall lose it. And he who loses his life for My sake shall find it.

<sup>40</sup>He who receives you receives Me, and *he* who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup>He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a just *one* in the name of a just *one* will receive a just *one's* reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever shall give to one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* to drink, only in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, He shall in no way lose his reward.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when Jesus had finished commanding His twelve disciples, He left there to teach and to proclaim in their cities.

<sup>2</sup>But when John heard in the prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>And they said to Him, Are You he who should come, or do we look for another? <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, Go and tell John again those things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel proclaimed to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in Me. <sup>7</sup>And as they departed, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? <sup>8</sup>But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, they who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say to you, and *one* more excellent than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>For this is the *one* of whom it is written, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You." <sup>11</sup>Truly I say to you, Among *those* who have been born of women there has not risen a greater one than John the Baptist. But the least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven is taken by violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup>And if you will receive it, this is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup>But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets and calling to their playmates, <sup>17</sup>saying, We played the flute to you, and you did not dance! We mourned to you, but you did not wail! <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon. <sup>19</sup>The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man who is a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. But wisdom was justified by her children.

<sup>20</sup>Then He began to upbraid the cities in which most of His mighty *works* were done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty *works* which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes! <sup>22</sup>But I say to you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to Heaven, shall be brought

down to hell. For if the mighty *works* which have been done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup>But I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank You, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from *the* sophisticated and cunning, and revealed them to babes. <sup>26</sup>Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>27</sup>All things are delivered to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the *one* to whom the Son will reveal *Him*.

<sup>28</sup>Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the sabbath day. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck the ears of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup>But when the Pharisees saw, they said to Him, Behold, your disciples do that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbath day. <sup>3</sup>But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him — ‘how he entered into the house of God and ate the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>4</sup>Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath and are blameless? <sup>5</sup>But I say to you that One greater than the temple is in this place. <sup>6</sup>But if you had known what *this* is, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” you would not have condemned those who are not guilty. <sup>7</sup>For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath.

<sup>8</sup>And when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. <sup>9</sup>And behold, a man having *a* withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath? *This* so that they might accuse Him. <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, What man among you will be, who will have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it and lift it out? <sup>11</sup>How much better is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. <sup>12</sup>Then He said to the man, Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and it was restored whole like the other.

<sup>13</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and held council against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from there. And great crowds followed Him, and He healed them all. <sup>15</sup>And *He* warned them that they not make Him known, <sup>16</sup>so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, <sup>17</sup>Behold My Child whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased. I will put My Spirit on Him, and He shall declare judgment to the nations. <sup>18</sup>He shall not strive, nor cry, nor shall any man hear His voice in the streets. <sup>19</sup>He will not break a bruised reed, and He will not quench a smoking wick, until He sends out judgment to victory. <sup>20</sup>And in His name the nations shall trust.”

<sup>21</sup>Then a demon-possessed one was brought to Him, blind and dumb. And He healed him, so much so that the blind and dumb one both spoke and saw. <sup>22</sup>And all the people were amazed and said, Is not this the son of David? <sup>23</sup>But when the Pharisees heard, they said, This *one* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons. <sup>24</sup>And Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. And every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. <sup>25</sup>And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? <sup>26</sup>But if I cast out

demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup>But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. <sup>29</sup>Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, unless first he binds the strong one, and then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup>The *one* who is not with Me is against Me, and the *one* who does not gather with Me scatters. <sup>31</sup>Therefore I say to you, All kinds of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven to men. <sup>32</sup>And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this world or in the world to come. <sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>Offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings out good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings out evil things. <sup>36</sup>But I say to you that every idle word which men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

<sup>38</sup>Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we want to see a sign from you. <sup>39</sup>But He answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign. And there shall be no sign given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup>For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so the Son of man shall be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

<sup>41</sup>The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, because they that repented at the proclaiming of Jonah, and behold, One greater than Jonah *is* here. <sup>42</sup>The queen of the south shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, One greater than Solomon *is* here. <sup>43</sup>When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he walks through dry places seeking rest, and finds none. <sup>44</sup>Then he said, I will return into my house from where I came out. And when he has come, he finds *it* empty, swept, and decorated. <sup>45</sup>Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and live there. And the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so it also shall be to this evil generation.

<sup>46</sup>But while He yet talked with the people, behold, His mother and His brothers stood outside, desiring to speak with Him. <sup>47</sup>Then one said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers stand outside, desiring to speak with You. <sup>48</sup>And He answered and said to *him* who told Him, Who is My mother? And who are My brothers? <sup>49</sup>And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, Behold My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever shall do the will of My Father in Heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>In that day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the seaside. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds were gathered to Him, so that He went into a ship and sat. And all the crowd stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying,

Behold, the sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth. And they sprang up immediately, because they had no deepness of earth. <sup>6</sup>And *the* the sun rising, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns. And the thorns sprang up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>And some fell on the good ground and

yielded fruit, indeed one a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>10</sup>And the disciples said to Him, Why do You speak to them in parables? <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it is not given to them. <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance. But whoever does not have, from him shall be taken away even that which he has. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not; nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which said, "By hearing you shall hear and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see and shall not perceive; <sup>15</sup>for this people's heart has become gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." <sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup>For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear what you hear, and have not heard them.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore hear the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, *then* the wicked one comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he who receives seed by the wayside. <sup>20</sup>But that which was sown on the stony places is this: *he* who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But he has no root in himself, and is only temporary. For when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, he immediately stumbles. <sup>22</sup>And that sown into the thorns is this: *he* who hears the word; and the anxiety of this world, and the deceit of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But that sown on the good ground is this: "*he* who hears the word and understands; who also bears fruit and produces" one truly a hundredfold; and one sixty; and one thirty.

<sup>24</sup>He put out another parable to them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup>But when the blade had sprung up and had produced fruit, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup>So the servants of the householder came and said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then where have the tares come from? <sup>28</sup>He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them up? <sup>29</sup>But he said, No, lest while you gather up the tares you also root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. And in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary.

<sup>31</sup>He put out another parable to them, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field — <sup>32</sup>which indeed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches. <sup>33</sup>He spoke another parable to them: The kingdom of Heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

<sup>34</sup>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable, <sup>35</sup>so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

<sup>36</sup>Then sending the crowds away, Jesus went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. <sup>37</sup>He answered and said to them, He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; <sup>38</sup>the

field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the kingdom; but the tares are the sons of the evil one. <sup>39</sup>The enemy who sowed them is the Devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. <sup>40</sup>Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be in the end of this world. <sup>41</sup>The Son of man shall send out His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity, <sup>42</sup>and shall cast them into a furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous shall shine out like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. *He* who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>44</sup>Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which when a man has found it, he hides it, and for the joy of it goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant seeking goodly pearls; <sup>46</sup>who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea, and gathered some of every kind; <sup>48</sup>which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup>So it shall be at the end of the world. The angels shall come out and separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup>and shall cast them into the furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>Jesus said to them, Have you understood all these things? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. <sup>52</sup>Then He said to them, Therefore every scribe who is instructed to the kingdom of Heaven is like a man who is a householder, who brings out things new and old out of his treasure.

<sup>53</sup>And it happened when Jesus finished these parables, He departed from there. <sup>54</sup>And when He had come into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so much so that they were astonished and said, From where does this man have this wisdom and these mighty works? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter's son? *Is* not his mother called Mary? And his brothers, James and Joses and Simon and Judas, <sup>56</sup>and his sisters, are they not all with us? Then from where does this man have all these things? <sup>57</sup>And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house. <sup>58</sup>And He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus <sup>2</sup>and said to his servants, This is John the Baptist. He has risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works are shown out in him. <sup>3</sup>For Herod had laid hold on John, and had bound him, and had put him in prison because of Herodias his brother Philip's wife. <sup>4</sup>For John said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her. <sup>5</sup>And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. <sup>7</sup>So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she would ask. <sup>8</sup>And she, being instructed before by her mother, said, Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter. <sup>9</sup>And the king was sorry. But for the oath's sake, and those reclining with *him*, he commanded it to be given. <sup>10</sup>And he sent and beheaded John in the prison. <sup>11</sup>And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl. And she brought *it* to her mother. <sup>12</sup>And his disciples came and took up the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard, He departed from there by ship into a desert place apart. And hearing, the crowds followed Him on foot out of the cities. <sup>14</sup>And Jesus went out and saw a great crowd, and He was moved with compassion toward them. And He healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>And evening coming on, His disciples came to Him,

saying, This is a desert place, and the time has already gone by. Send the crowd away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, They do not need to leave, give them *something* to eat. <sup>17</sup>And they said to Him, We have here only five loaves and two fish. <sup>18</sup>He said, Bring them here to Me. <sup>19</sup>And He commanded the crowd to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to Heaven He blessed and broke, and gave the loaves to His disciples. And the disciples *gave* to the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve handbaskets full from the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup>And they who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

<sup>22</sup>And immediately Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. <sup>23</sup>And when He had sent the crowds away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray. And when evening had come, He was there alone. <sup>24</sup>But the ship was now in *the* midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a phantom! And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, Be of good cheer, I AM! Do not fear. <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered Him and said, If it is You, tell me to come to You on the water. <sup>29</sup>And He said, Come. And when Peter had come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But seeing that the wind was strong, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me! <sup>31</sup>And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him; and said to him, Little-faith! Why did you doubt? <sup>32</sup>And when they had come into the ship, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, Truly You are the Son of God.

<sup>34</sup>And when they had passed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup>And recognizing Him, the men of that place sent to all that neighborhood, and brought to Him all who were diseased. <sup>36</sup>And *they* begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His robe. And as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, <sup>2</sup>Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. <sup>3</sup>But He answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God commanded, saying, "Honor your father and mother"; and, "*He* who speaks evil of father or mother, let him die by death." <sup>5</sup>But you say, Whoever said to his father or mother, Whatever you would gain from me, *It is* a gift to God; <sup>6</sup>and in no way he honors his father or his mother. And you voided the commandment of God by your tradition. <sup>7</sup>Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, <sup>8</sup>"This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup>But in vain they worship Me, teaching for doctrines *the* commandments of men." <sup>10</sup>And He called the crowd and said to them, Hear and understand. <sup>11</sup>Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man; but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.

<sup>12</sup>Then His disciples came and said to Him, Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying? <sup>13</sup>But He answered and said, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.



<sup>15</sup>Then Peter answered and said to Him, Explain this parable to us. <sup>16</sup>And Jesus said, Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not yet understand that whatever enters in at the mouth goes into the belly, and is cast out into *the* wastebowl? <sup>18</sup>But the things which come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile the man. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; <sup>20</sup>these are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.

<sup>21</sup>And going out from there, Jesus withdrew to the parts of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a woman of Canaan coming out of these borders cried to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is grievously vexed with a demon. <sup>23</sup>But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries after us. <sup>24</sup>But He answered and said, I am not sent except to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel. <sup>25</sup>Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me! <sup>26</sup>But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and to throw *it* to dogs. <sup>27</sup>And she said, True, O Lord; but even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' tables. <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, *great is* your faith! So be it to you even as you wish. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

<sup>29</sup>And moving from there Jesus came beside the Sea of Galilee. And He went up into a mountain and sat there. <sup>30</sup>And great crowds came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others. And they cast them down at Jesus' feet. And He healed them, <sup>31</sup>so much so that the crowd wondered when they saw the dumb speak, the maimed sound, the lame walk, and the blind see. And they glorified the God of Israel.

<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus called His disciples and said, I have compassion on the crowd because they continue with Me for three days now and have nothing to eat. And I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. <sup>33</sup>And His disciples said to Him, Where should we get so many loaves in the wilderness, so as to fill so great a crowd? <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven, and a few little fish. <sup>35</sup>And He commanded the crowd to sit on the ground. <sup>36</sup>And He took the seven loaves and the fish, and gave thanks, and broke, and gave to His disciples. And the disciples gave to the crowd. <sup>37</sup>And they all ate, and were filled; and they took up seven lunchbaskets full of the broken food that was left. <sup>38</sup>And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup>And sending the crowd away, He went into the boat and came into the borders of Magdala.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and the Sadducees came to Him, tempting Him. And they asked Him that He would show them a sign from Heaven. <sup>2</sup>He answered and said to them, When it is evening, you say, Fair weather; for the sky is red. <sup>3</sup>And in the morning, Foul weather today; for the sky is red and gloomy. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot see the signs of the times! <sup>4</sup>A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign. And there shall no sign be given to it, except the sign of the prophet Jonah. And He left them and went away.

<sup>5</sup>And when His disciples had come to the other side, they forgot to take loaves. <sup>6</sup>And Jesus said to them, Take heed, and beware the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. <sup>7</sup>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no loaves. <sup>8</sup>And knowing Jesus said to them, Why do you reason among yourselves because you took no loaves, little-faiths? <sup>9</sup>Do you not yet understand, nor remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many

handbaskets you took up; <sup>10</sup>nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many lunchbaskets you took up? <sup>11</sup>How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you about loaves, but that you should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? <sup>12</sup>Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

<sup>13</sup>And coming into the parts of Caesarea Phillipi, Jesus asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say Me to be, the Son of man? <sup>14</sup>And they said, Some say, John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, But who do you say I am? <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, You are blessed, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal *it* to you, but My Father in Heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and *the* gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give the keys of the kingdom of Heaven to you. And whatever you may bind on earth shall occur, having been bound in Heaven, and whatever you may loose on earth shall occur, having been loosed in Heaven. <sup>20</sup>Then He warned His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. <sup>22</sup>Then Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, *God be* gracious to You, Lord! This shall never be to You. <sup>23</sup>But He turned and said to Peter, Go, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you do not savor the things that are of God, but those that are of men.

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it, and whoever desires to lose his life for My sake shall find it. <sup>26</sup>For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange *for* his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward each one according to his works. <sup>28</sup>Truly I say to you, There are some standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain apart. <sup>2</sup>And He was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His clothing was white as the light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. <sup>5</sup>While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold a voice out of the cloud which said, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear Him. <sup>6</sup>And when the disciples heard, they fell on their face and were greatly terrified. <sup>7</sup>And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise and do not be terrified. <sup>8</sup>And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup>And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man has risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? <sup>11</sup>And answering Jesus said to them, Elijah truly shall come first and restore all things. <sup>12</sup>But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him, but have done to him whatever they desired. Likewise also the Son of man shall suffer from them. <sup>13</sup>Then His disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, <sup>15</sup>Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and grievously vexed; for oftentimes he falls into the fire, and often into the water. <sup>16</sup>And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him here to Me. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus rebuked the demon, and he departed out of him. And the child was cured from that very hour. <sup>19</sup>Then the disciples came to Jesus apart, and said, Why could we not cast him out? <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here to there. And it shall move. And nothing shall be impossible to you. <sup>21</sup>However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

<sup>22</sup>And while they stayed in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into *the* hands of men. <sup>23</sup>And they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised again. And they grieved exceedingly.

<sup>24</sup>And when they had come to Capernaum, those who received tribute came to Peter and said, Does your master not pay tribute? <sup>25</sup>He said, Yes. And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? From their sons, or from strangers? <sup>26</sup>Peter said to Him, From strangers. Jesus said to him, Then truly the sons are free. <sup>27</sup>But lest we should offend them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. And when you have opened its mouth, you shall find a stater; take that, and give it to them for Me and you.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Who is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven? <sup>2</sup>And Jesus called a little child to Him and set him in their midst, <sup>3</sup>and said, Truly I say to you, Unless you are converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup>Therefore whoever shall humble himself like this little child, this one is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven. <sup>5</sup>And whoever shall receive one such little child in My name receives Me. <sup>6</sup>But whoever shall offend one of these little *ones* who believes in Me, it would be better for him that an ass's millstone were hung around his neck, and he be sunk in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>Woe to the world because of offenses! For it is necessary that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to offend, cut them off and throw *them* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye offends you, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>Take heed *that* you do not despise one of these little *ones*. For I say to you that in Heaven their angels always behold the face of My Father in Heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of man has come to save that which was lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays, does he not leave the ninety and nine *and* go into the mountains and seek the straying *one*? <sup>13</sup>And if it happens that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety and nine which did not stray. <sup>14</sup>Even so it is not *the* will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little *ones* should perish.

<sup>15</sup>But if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not hear you, take one or two more with you, so that in *the* mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. <sup>17</sup>And if he shall neglect to hear them,

tell *it* to the church. But if he neglects to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I say to you, Whatever you shall bind on earth shall occur, having been bound in Heaven; and whatever you shall loose on earth shall occur, having been loosed in Heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you that if two of you shall agree on earth as regarding anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by My Father in Heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Until seven times? <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of Heaven has been likened to a certain king who desired to make an accounting with his servants. <sup>24</sup>And when he had begun to count, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>But as he had nothing to pay, his lord commanded that he, and his wife and children, and all that he had, be sold, and payment be made. <sup>26</sup>Then the servant fell down and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you all. <sup>27</sup>Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But the same servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. And he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what you owe. <sup>29</sup>And his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, Have patience with me and I will pay you all. <sup>30</sup>And he would not, but went and cast him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry. And *they* came and told their lord all that was done. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord, after he had called him, said to him, O wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had pity on you? <sup>34</sup>And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup>So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also to you, unless each one of you from your hearts forgive his brother their offenses.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond Jordan. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds followed Him. And He healed them there. <sup>3</sup>And the Pharisees came to Him, tempting Him and saying to Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? <sup>4</sup>And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>and said, For this cause a man shall leave father and mother and shall cling to his wife, and the two of them shall be one flesh? <sup>6</sup>Therefore they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put asunder. <sup>7</sup>They said to Him, Why did Moses then command to give a bill of divorce and to put her away? <sup>8</sup>He said to them, Because of your hard-heartedness Moses allowed you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so. <sup>9</sup>And I say to you, Whoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her *who is* put away commits adultery.

<sup>10</sup>His disciples said to Him, If this is the case of the man with his wife, it is not good to marry. <sup>11</sup>But He said to them, Not all receive this word, except *those* to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup>For there are some eunuchs who were born so from *their* mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of Heaven's sake. He who is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

<sup>13</sup>Then little children were brought to Him, that He should put His hands on them and pray. And the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said, Allow the little children to come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. <sup>15</sup>And He laid His hands on them, and departed from there.

<sup>16</sup>And behold, one came and said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? <sup>17</sup>And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? There is none good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments. <sup>18</sup>He said to Him, Which? Jesus said, You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup>honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>20</sup>The young man said to Him, I have kept all these things from my youth up; what do I lack yet? <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me. <sup>22</sup>But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you that a rich man will with great difficulty enter into the kingdom of Heaven. <sup>24</sup>And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>25</sup>When His disciples heard, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? <sup>26</sup>But Jesus looked on them and said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

<sup>27</sup>Then answering Peter said to Him, Behold, we have forsaken all and have followed You. Therefore what shall we have? <sup>28</sup>And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that you who have followed Me; in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, you also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a housemaster, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace. <sup>4</sup>And he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you. And they went their way. <sup>5</sup>And he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here all day idle? <sup>7</sup>They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and you shall receive whatever is right. <sup>8</sup>So when evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last to the first. <sup>9</sup>And when they who were hired about the eleventh hour came, they each one received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they also each one received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, These last have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and heat of the day. <sup>13</sup>But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take yours, and go your way; I will give to this last one the same as to you. <sup>15</sup>Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with my own? Is your eye evil

because I am good? <sup>16</sup>So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many are called, but few are chosen.

<sup>17</sup>And going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said to them, <sup>18</sup>Behold, we go up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death. <sup>19</sup>And they shall deliver Him to the nations to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He shall rise again.

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's children came to Him with her sons, worshipping and desiring a certain thing from Him. <sup>21</sup>And He said to her, What do you desire? She said to Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit in Your kingdom, the one on Your right *hand* and the other on the left. <sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered and said, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They said to Him, We are able. <sup>23</sup>And He said to them, You shall indeed drink of My cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right *hand* and on My left is not Mine to give, but to *those* for whom it has been prepared by My Father. <sup>24</sup>And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them and said, You know that the rulers of the nations exercise dominion over them, and they who are great exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>However, it shall not be so among you. But whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant. <sup>27</sup>And whoever desires to be chief among you, let him be your servant; <sup>28</sup>even as the Son of man did not come to be served to, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

<sup>29</sup>And as they departed from Jericho, a great crowd followed Him. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two blind men were sitting by the wayside. When they heard that Jesus passed by, *they* cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! <sup>31</sup>And the crowd rebuked them, saying that they should be silent. But they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! <sup>32</sup>And Jesus stood still and called them, and said, What do you desire that I should do to you? <sup>33</sup>They said to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. <sup>34</sup>So Jesus had compassion *on them* and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And when they drew near Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, Go into the village across from you. And immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Untie *them* and bring *them* to Me. <sup>3</sup>And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them, and immediately He will send them. <sup>4</sup>All this was done so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek, and sitting on an ass, even a colt *the* foal of an ass." <sup>6</sup>And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the ass, even the colt, and put their clothes on them, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup>And a very great crowd spread their garments in the way. Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them in the way. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds who went before, and those who followed, cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed *is* He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord! Hosanna in the highest! <sup>10</sup>And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? <sup>11</sup>And the crowd said, This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee.

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>And He said to them, It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer"; but you have made it a den of thieves. <sup>14</sup>And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup>And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things which He did, and the children crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were angry. <sup>16</sup>And *they* said to Him, Do you hear what these say? And Jesus said to them, Yes, have you never read, "Out of *the* mouth of babes and sucklings You have perfected praise?" <sup>17</sup>And leaving them, He went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

<sup>18</sup>And returning early to the city, He hungered. <sup>19</sup>And seeing a fig tree in the way, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves. And He said to it, Let no fruit grow on you forever. And immediately the fig tree withered away. <sup>20</sup>And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, How quickly the fig tree has withered away! <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith and do not doubt, you shall not only do this *miracle* of the fig tree, but also; if you shall say to this mountain, Be moved and be thrown into the sea; it shall be done. <sup>22</sup>And all things, whatever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

<sup>23</sup>And when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him *as He was* teaching, and said, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority? <sup>24</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, I will also ask you one thing; which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, where was it from? From Heaven or from men? And they reasoned within themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven, he will say to us, Why then did you not believe him? <sup>26</sup>But if we shall say From men, we fear the people; for all consider John as a prophet. <sup>27</sup>And they answered Jesus and said, We cannot tell. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup>But what do you think? A man had two sons; and he came to the first and said, Son, go work in my vineyard today. <sup>29</sup>He answered and said, I will not. But afterwards he repented and went. <sup>30</sup>And he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir; and did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father? They said to Him, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that the tax-collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in *the* way of righteousness, and you did not believe him. But the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him. And when you had seen it, you did not repent afterwards so that you might believe him.

<sup>33</sup>Hear another parable. There was a certain housemaster who planted a vineyard and hedged it round about, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and rented it to vinedressers, and went into a far country. <sup>34</sup>And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers to receive its fruits. <sup>35</sup>And the vinedressers took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>But last of all he sent his son to them, saying, They will respect my son. <sup>38</sup>But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and get hold of his inheritance. <sup>39</sup>And taking him, they threw *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. <sup>40</sup>Therefore when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? <sup>41</sup>They said to Him, He will miserably destroy them and will rent out his vineyard to other vinedressers who will give him the fruits in their seasons. <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, Did you never

read in the Scriptures, “*The stone which the builders rejected, this One has become the head of the corner; this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?*”<sup>43</sup> Therefore I say to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing out its fruits.<sup>44</sup> And he who falls on this Stone shall be broken, but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

<sup>45</sup>And when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they knew that He spoke of them.<sup>46</sup> But seeking to lay hands on Him, they feared the crowd, because they held Him for a prophet.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables, and said, <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who made a marriage for his son.<sup>3</sup> And he sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they would not come.<sup>4</sup> Again he sent out other servants, saying, Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage.<sup>5</sup> And they made light of it, and went their ways, one to *his* farm, another to *his* merchandise.<sup>6</sup> And the rest took his servants and treated them spitefully, and killed *them*.<sup>7</sup> But when the king heard of it, he was angry. And he sent out his armies and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were invited were not worthy.<sup>9</sup> Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you shall find, invite them to the marriage.<sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the highways and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good. And the wedding was filled with reclining guests.

<sup>11</sup>And the king coming in to look over the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.<sup>12</sup> And he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few chosen.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees left and took counsel that they might entangle Him in His talk.<sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples out to Him along with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that you are true, and that you teach the way of God in truth. Nor do you care for anyone, for you do not regard *the* person of men.<sup>17</sup> Therefore tell us; what do you think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? <sup>18</sup>But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why do you tempt Me, hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show Me the tribute money. And they brought a denarius to Him.<sup>20</sup> And He said to them, Whose image and inscription is this? <sup>21</sup>They said to Him, Caesar’s. Then He said to them, Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things which are God’s.<sup>22</sup> When they heard *these words*, they marveled, and they left Him and went away.

<sup>23</sup>On that day the Sadducees came to Him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked Him, <sup>24</sup>saying, Master, Moses said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed to his brother.<sup>25</sup> Now there were with us seven brothers. And the first, when he had married a wife, died. And, having no issue, he left his wife to his brother.<sup>26</sup> The second also did likewise, and the third, to the seventh.<sup>27</sup> And last of all the woman also died.<sup>28</sup> Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be, of the seven? For they all had her.<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.<sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven.<sup>31</sup> But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by



God, saying, <sup>32</sup>"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. <sup>33</sup>And when the crowd heard this, they were astonished at His doctrine.

<sup>34</sup>But hearing that He had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees were gathered together. <sup>35</sup>Then one of them, a lawyer, asked, tempting Him and saying, <sup>36</sup>Master, which is *the* great commandment in the law? <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is *the* first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And *the* second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>saying, What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he? They say to Him, David's. <sup>43</sup>He said to them, How then does David by the Spirit call him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>"the LORD said to my Lord, Sit on My right until I make Your enemies Your footstool?" <sup>45</sup>If David then calls Him Lord, how is He his son? <sup>46</sup>And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question Him any more.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to His disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, observe and do. But do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. <sup>4</sup>For they bind heavy and hard-to-carry burdens and lay *them* on men's shoulders. But they will not move them with one of their fingers. <sup>5</sup>But they do all their works in order to be seen of men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. <sup>6</sup>And *they* love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and greetings in the market-places, and to be called, Rabbi! Rabbi! by men. <sup>8</sup>But you must not be called Rabbi, for One is your teacher, Christ, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on the earth, for One is your Father in Heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor be called teachers, for One is your Teacher, even Christ. <sup>11</sup>But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup>And whoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he who shall humble himself shall be exalted.

<sup>13</sup>But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of Heaven against men. For you neither go in, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. <sup>14</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and pray at length as a pretense. Therefore you shall receive the greater condemnation. <sup>15</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and the dry *land* to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. <sup>16</sup>Woe to you, blind guides, saying, Whoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor. <sup>17</sup>Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold? <sup>18</sup>And, Whoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, *he is* a debtor! <sup>19</sup>Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? <sup>20</sup>Therefore whoever shall swear by the altar swears by it, and by all things on it. <sup>21</sup>And whoever shall swear by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup>And he who shall swear by Heaven swears by the throne of God, and by Him who sits on it.

<sup>23</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and you have left undone the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. You ought to have done these and not to leave the other undone. <sup>24</sup>Blind guides who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! <sup>25</sup>Woe

to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of extortion and excess. <sup>26</sup>Blind Pharisee! First cleanse the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of them may be clean also. <sup>27</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitened tombs, which indeed appear beautiful outside, but inside they are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup>Even so you also appear righteous to men outwardly, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

<sup>29</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets, and decorate the tombs of the righteous, <sup>30</sup>and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. <sup>31</sup>Therefore you are witnesses to yourselves, that you are the sons of those who killed the prophets; <sup>32</sup>and you fill up the measure of your fathers. <sup>33</sup>Serpents! Offspring of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? <sup>34</sup>Therefore, behold, I send prophets and wise men and scribes to you. And you will kill and crucify *some* of them. And *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city; <sup>35</sup>so that on you may come all *the* righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Berachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar. <sup>36</sup>Truly I say to you, All these things shall come on this generation. <sup>37</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the *one* killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, and you would not! <sup>38</sup>Behold, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup>For I say to you, You shall not see Me from now on until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord."

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus went out and departed from the temple. And His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There shall not be left here *one* stone on another that shall not be thrown down.

<sup>3</sup>And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world? <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed that no man deceive you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, I am Christ, and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all *these* things must occur; but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places. <sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of sorrows. <sup>9</sup>Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you. And you will be hated of all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will rise and deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many will become cold. <sup>13</sup>But *he* who endures to *the* end, the same shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all nations. And then the end shall come.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in *the* holy place (whoever reads, let him understand). <sup>16</sup>Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. <sup>17</sup>Let *him* on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; <sup>18</sup>nor let *him* in the field turn back to take his clothes. <sup>19</sup>And woe to those who are with child, and to those who give suck in those days! <sup>20</sup>But pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on the sabbath day; <sup>21</sup>for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since *the* beginning of

the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And unless those days should be shortened, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened. <sup>23</sup>Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ! Or, There! Do not believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders; so much so that, if it were possible, they would deceive even the elect. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup>Therefore if they shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert! Do not go out. Behold, He is in the secret rooms! Do not believe it. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning comes out of the east and shines even to the west, so also will be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>28</sup>For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered.

<sup>29</sup>And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from Heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. <sup>30</sup>And then the sign of the Son of man shall appear in Heaven. And then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

<sup>32</sup>Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When its branch is still tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>So you, likewise, when you see all these things, shall know that it is near, at the very doors. <sup>34</sup>Truly I say to you, This generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

<sup>36</sup>But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of Heaven, but only My Father. <sup>37</sup>But as the days of Noah were, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>38</sup>For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. <sup>39</sup>And they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>40</sup>Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. <sup>41</sup>Two shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore watch; for you do not know what hour your Lord comes. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the steward of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also be ready, for in that hour you think not, the Son of man comes. <sup>45</sup>Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord has made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his lord shall find him doing so when he comes. <sup>47</sup>Truly I say to you that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup>But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming, <sup>49</sup>and shall begin to strike his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, <sup>50</sup>the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he does not look for him, and in an hour which he does not know. <sup>51</sup>And he shall cut him apart and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps, but took no oil with them. <sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him. <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your

oil, for our lamps have gone out. <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, *No*, lest there be not enough for us and you. But rather go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves. <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And they who were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. <sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you. <sup>13</sup>Therefore watch, for you do not know either the day or the hour in which the Son of man comes.

<sup>14</sup>For *it is* as if a man going abroad called *his* own servants and gave them his goods. <sup>15</sup>And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to each according to his ability. And *he* went abroad at once. <sup>16</sup>And going *he* who had received the five talents traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup>And likewise *he* who had received two, he also gained another two. <sup>18</sup>But *he* who had received the one *talent* went and dug in the earth and hid his lord's silver. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the lord of those servants came and took account with them. <sup>20</sup>And so *he* who had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered five talents to me. Behold, I have gained five talents above them. <sup>21</sup>His lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord. <sup>22</sup>He also who had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered two talents to me. Behold, I have gained two other talents above them. <sup>23</sup>His lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord. <sup>24</sup>And he who had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew that you were a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. <sup>25</sup>And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the earth. Lo, you have yours. <sup>26</sup>His lord answered and said to him, Evil and slothful servant! You knew that I reaped where I did not sow, and gathered where I did not scatter, <sup>27</sup>then you should have put my money to the exchangers, and coming I would have received my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>Therefore take the talent from him and give *it* to him who has ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will abound. But from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup>And throw the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>31</sup>But when the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup>And all nations shall be gathered before Him. And He shall separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And *He* shall set the sheep on His right *hand*, but the goats off *the* left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King shall say to those on His right hand, Come, blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry, and you gave me *food*; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup>I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry, and fed *You*? Or thirsty, and gave *You* drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see You a stranger, and took *You* in? Or naked, and clothed *You*? <sup>39</sup>Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to *You*? <sup>40</sup>And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brothers, you have done *it* to Me.

<sup>41</sup>Then He also shall say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry, and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not take Me in; I was naked, and you did not clothe Me; I was sick,

and in prison, and you did not visit me. <sup>44</sup>Then they will also answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You? <sup>45</sup>Then He shall answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me. <sup>46</sup>And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when Jesus finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, <sup>2</sup>You know that after two days the Passover comes, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, assembled together to the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. <sup>4</sup>And *they* consulted so that they might take Jesus by guile and kill *Him*. <sup>5</sup>But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

<sup>6</sup>And when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to Him, having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured *it* on His head as He sat at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment might have been sold for very much and given to the poor. <sup>10</sup>When Jesus understood it, He said to them, Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work on Me. <sup>11</sup>For you have the poor with you always, but you do not always have Me. <sup>12</sup>For in putting ointment on My body, she did *it* for My burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel shall be proclaimed in the whole world, that which this woman has done shall be spoken of also, for a memorial of her.

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests. <sup>15</sup>And he said *to them*, What will you give me, and I will betray Him to you? And they appointed to him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

<sup>17</sup>And on the first *day* of the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*, the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare for You to eat the Passover? <sup>18</sup>And He said, Go into the city to such a man, and say to him, The Master said, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them. And they made the passover ready. <sup>20</sup>And when evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they ate, He said, Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me. <sup>22</sup>And grieving sorrowfully, they began to say, each one of them, Lord, not I am *the one*? <sup>23</sup>And He answered and said, He who dips his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of man goes, as it has been written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born. <sup>25</sup>And answering, the *one* betraying Him, Judas, said, Master, Not am I *the one*? He said to him, You said *it*.

<sup>26</sup>And *as* they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed *it*, and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is My body. <sup>27</sup>And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink all of it. <sup>28</sup>For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. <sup>29</sup>But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.

<sup>30</sup>And singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, All of you will be offended because of Me this night. For it is written, "I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." <sup>32</sup>But after I have risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>33</sup>Peter answered and said to Him, though all shall be offended because of You, yet I will never be

offended. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that this night, before *the* cock crows, you shall deny Me three times. <sup>35</sup>Peter said to Him, though I should die with You, yet I will not deny You. All the disciples also said the same.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to the disciples, Sit here while I go and pray there. <sup>37</sup>And He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and very heavy. <sup>38</sup>Then He said to them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Wait here and watch with Me. <sup>39</sup>And He went a little further and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You *will*. <sup>40</sup>And He came to the disciples and found them asleep. And He said to Peter, What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh is weak. <sup>42</sup>He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done. <sup>43</sup>And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>And He left them and went away again, and prayed the third *time*, saying the same things. <sup>45</sup>Then He came to His disciples and said to them, Sleep on now and take your rest. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into *the* hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; behold, *he* who is betraying Me is at hand.

<sup>47</sup>And as He was yet speaking, behold, Judas came, one of the Twelve. And with him came a great crowd with swords and clubs, being sent from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>And *he* who betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one, lay hold on Him. <sup>49</sup>And coming up to Jesus immediately, he said, Hail, Master! And *he* kissed Him. <sup>50</sup>And Jesus said to him, Friend, why are you here? Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. <sup>51</sup>And, behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, and he struck a servant of the high priest *and* cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, put up your sword again into its place; for all who take *the* sword shall perish with a sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?

<sup>55</sup>In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, Have you come out in order to take Me with swords and clubs, as against a thief? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not lay hands on Me. <sup>56</sup>But all this happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples fled, forsaking Him.

<sup>57</sup>And they who had seized Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed Him afar off to the high priest's palace, and *he* went in and sat with the servants to see the end. <sup>59</sup>And the chief priests and the elders and all the council sought false witness against Jesus, in order to put Him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they found none; yea, though many false witnesses came, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came up <sup>61</sup>and said, This one said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days. <sup>62</sup>And standing up, the high priest said to Him, Do you answer nothing? What is *it that* these witness against you? <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, I adjure you by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God. <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, You said *it*. I tell you more. From this time you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right *hand* of power, and coming on the clouds of Heaven. <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think? They answered and said, He is worthy of death. <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in His face and

beat Him with the fist. And *others* struck Him with the palms of their hands, <sup>68</sup>saying, Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the *one* who struck you?

<sup>69</sup>And Peter sat outside in the court. And a girl came to him, saying, You also were with Jesus of Galilee. <sup>70</sup>But he denied all before them, saying, I do not know what you say. <sup>71</sup>And when he had gone out into the porch, another saw him and said to those there, This one was also with Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>72</sup>And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. <sup>73</sup>And after a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you. <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse and to swear, I do not know the man. And immediately the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, Who said to him, Before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times. And he went out and wept bitterly.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And *it* becoming early morning, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. <sup>2</sup>And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>Then *he* who had betrayed Him, seeing that He was condemned, sorrowing, Judas returned the thirty pieces of silver again to the chief priests and elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, I have sinned, betraying innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? You see *to that*. <sup>5</sup>And he threw the pieces of silver down in the temple and departed. And he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is *the price of blood*. <sup>7</sup>And they took counsel and bought the potter's field with them, to bury strangers in. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field was called, The Field of Blood, to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was valued, whom they of the children of Israel valued, <sup>10</sup>and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

<sup>11</sup>And Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, You say *it*. <sup>12</sup>And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not hear how many things they witness against you? <sup>14</sup>And He did not answer him a word, so that the governor greatly marveled. <sup>15</sup>Now at *that* feast the governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner, whomever they desired. <sup>16</sup>And they then had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, Whom do you desire that I release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? <sup>18</sup>For he knew they had delivered Him because of envy.

<sup>19</sup>But as he was sitting down on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Have nothing to do with that just man, for today because of Him I have suffered many things in a dream. <sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd that they should ask *for* Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor answered and said to them, Which of the two do you desire that I release to you? They said, Barabbas. <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, What then shall I do with Jesus, who is called Christ? They all said to him, Let Him be crucified. <sup>23</sup>And the governor said, Why? What evil has He done? But they cried out the more, saying, let Him be crucified! <sup>24</sup>But when Pilate saw that it gained nothing, but rather that a tumult was made, he took water and washed *his* hands before the crowd, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it. <sup>25</sup>Then all the people answered and said, Let His blood *be* on us and on our children. <sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them. And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then taking Jesus into the praetorium, the soldiers of the governor gathered the cohort against Him. <sup>28</sup>And stripping Him, they put a scarlet robe around Him. <sup>29</sup>And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! <sup>30</sup>And spitting at Him, they took the reed and struck at His head. <sup>31</sup>And after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off of Him and put His own clothing on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

<sup>32</sup>And going out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They forced this one to carry His cross. <sup>33</sup>And coming to a place called Golgotha, which is called, Place of a Skull, <sup>34</sup>they gave Him vinegar mixed with gall to drink. And when He had tasted, He would not drink. <sup>35</sup>And they crucified Him, dividing His garments, casting lots; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, "They parted My garments among them, and they cast a lot for My clothing." <sup>36</sup>And sitting down they guarded Him there. <sup>37</sup>And they put up over His head His accusation, written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup>Then two thieves were crucified with Him, one off the right, one off the left.

<sup>39</sup>And those who passed by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, <sup>40</sup>and saying, You destroying the temple and building it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. <sup>41</sup>And in the same way also the chief priests mocked, with the scribes and elders, saying, <sup>42</sup>He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. <sup>43</sup>He trusted in God, let Him deliver him now, if He will have him. (For He said, I am the Son of God.) <sup>44</sup>And also the thieves who were crucified with Him reviled Him, saying the same.

<sup>45</sup>And from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? <sup>47</sup>Some of those who stood there, when they heard, said, This one calls for Elijah. <sup>48</sup>And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar, and he put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, Let Him alone, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.

<sup>50</sup>And crying again with a loud voice, Jesus released His spirit. <sup>51</sup>And, behold! The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared, <sup>52</sup>and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tomb after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>But the centurion and those guarding Jesus, seeing the earthquake, and the things that took place, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this One was the Son of God. <sup>55</sup>And many of the women were there, watching from a distance, those who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, watching from a distance; <sup>56</sup>among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. <sup>57</sup>When the evening had come, a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, came, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. <sup>59</sup>When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in clean linen, <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his new tomb, which he had cut out of the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. <sup>61</sup>And Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, were sitting there across from the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>And on the next day, which was after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered to Pilate, <sup>63</sup>saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was living, After three days I will rise again. <sup>64</sup>Then command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and



steal him away and say to the people, He has risen from the dead. So the last error will be worse than the first. <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, you have a watch. Go and make it as secure as you can. <sup>66</sup>And going they made the tomb secure, sealing the stone along with the guard.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>But late in the week, at the dawning into the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a great earthquake occurred! For coming down from Heaven, and coming up, an angel of the Lord rolled back the stone from the door and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And the keepers shook for fear of him and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>And the angel answered and said to the women, Do not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead. And, behold, He goes before you into Galilee. There you shall see Him. Lo, I have told you. <sup>8</sup>And they quickly departed from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

<sup>9</sup>But as they were going to report to His disciples, behold, Jesus also met them, saying, Hail! And they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, Do not be afraid; go tell My brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see Me.

<sup>11</sup>And as they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and declared all the things that were done to the chief priests. <sup>12</sup>And being assembled with the elders, and taking counsel, *they* gave enough silver to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup>saying, Say that His disciples came by night *and* stole Him away while we slept. <sup>14</sup>And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you free from care. <sup>15</sup>And taking the silver, they did as they were taught. And this saying was spread among the Jews until today.

<sup>16</sup>And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him. But some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world.

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, *the* Son of God: <sup>2</sup>as it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You." <sup>3</sup>*The* voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of *the* Lord, make His paths straight."

<sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the land of Judea, and those of Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a leather girdle about his loin. And he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he proclaimed, saying, There is One coming after me who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down to loosen. <sup>8</sup>I indeed have baptized you with water, but He shall baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And it happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him. <sup>11</sup>And there came a voice from Heaven, *saying*, You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

<sup>12</sup>And immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him.

<sup>14</sup>And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God draws near. Repent, and believe the gospel. <sup>16</sup>And walking along beside the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men. <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup>And when He going farther from there a little, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately He called them. And they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went after Him.

<sup>21</sup>And they went into Capernaum. And immediately on the sabbath day He entered into the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at His doctrine. For He taught them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And in their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>*saying*, What *is* to us and to You, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God. <sup>25</sup>And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet, and come out of him. <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him, and crying with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They all were amazed, so as to question among themselves, saying, What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For He even commands the unclean spirits with authority, and they obey Him. <sup>28</sup>And immediately His fame went out into all the Galilean neighborhood.

<sup>29</sup>And immediately after they had come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and at once they told Him about her. <sup>31</sup>And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. And instantly the fever left her, and she served them. <sup>32</sup>And at evening, when the sun set, they brought all those who were diseased to Him, and those who were demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>And all the city had gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup>And He healed many who were sick of different

diseases, and cast out many demons. And He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising up quite early in the night, He went out into a deserted place, and He was praying there. <sup>36</sup>And Simon, and those with him, searched for Him. <sup>37</sup>And finding Him, they said to Him, All *are* seeking You. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, Let us go into the next towns so that I may proclaim there also. For that reason I came forth. <sup>39</sup>And He proclaimed in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out demons. <sup>40</sup>And a leper came to Him, begging Him and kneeling down to Him, and saying to Him, If You will, You can make me clean. <sup>41</sup>And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I will; be clean! <sup>42</sup>And He having spoken, the leprosy instantly departed from him and he was cleansed. <sup>43</sup>And He strictly charged him and immediately sent him away, <sup>44</sup>and He said to him, See that you say nothing to anyone. But go and show yourself to the priests, and offer those things which Moses commanded for your cleansing, for a testimony to them. <sup>45</sup>But going out, he began to proclaim *it* very much, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was outside in deserted places. And they came to Him from every quarter.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And again He entered into Capernaum after *some* days. And it was heard that He was in *a* house. <sup>2</sup>And immediately many were gathered, so that none any longer had room, even to the door. And He proclaimed the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then they came to Him, bringing one who was paralyzed, who was carried by four. <sup>4</sup>When they could not come near to Him because of the crowd, they unroofed the roof where He was. And digging through, they let down the cot on which the paralytic was lying. <sup>5</sup>And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, Child, your sins are forgiven to you. <sup>6</sup>But some of the scribes were sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>Why does this one speak such blasphemies? Who can forgive sins except God only? <sup>8</sup>And instantly knowing in His spirit that they reasoned so within themselves, He said to them, Why do you reason these things in your heart? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, *your* sins are forgiven you; or to say, Arise, and take up your bed and walk? <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority upon earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup>I say to you, Arise, and take up your cot, and go to your house. <sup>12</sup>And immediately he arose and took up his cot and went out before all. So that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw *it* this way.

<sup>13</sup>And He went out again by the seaside. And all the crowd came to Him, and He taught them. <sup>14</sup>And as He passed on, He saw Levi the *son* of Alpheus sitting at the tax-office. And He said to him, Follow Me. And he arose and followed Him.

<sup>15</sup>And it happened as Jesus reclined in his house, many tax-collectors and sinners also reclined with Jesus and His disciples. For there were many, and they followed Him. <sup>16</sup>And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eat with tax-collectors and sinners, *they* said to His disciples, How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax-collectors and sinners? <sup>17</sup>When Jesus heard, He said to them, They who are strong have no need of a physician, but the ones who have illness. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John and those of the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to Him, Why do John's disciples and those of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast? <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to them, Can the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with

them they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast in those days. <sup>21</sup>And no one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment, else *it* takes away from its fullness, and a worse tear occurs. <sup>22</sup>No one puts new wine into old wineskins, else the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine spills, and the wineskins will be ruined. The new wine must be put into new wineskins.

<sup>23</sup>And it happened that He went through the grainfields on the sabbath day. And as they walked His disciples began to pluck the ears of *grain*. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees said to Him, Behold, why do they do that which is not lawful on the sabbath day? <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, Have you never read what David did, when he had need and was hungry, he, and those with him? <sup>26</sup>How he went into the house of God in *the days* of Abiathar the high priest and ate the showbread, which it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave to those with him? <sup>27</sup>And He said to them, The sabbath is made for man, and not man for the sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Therefore the Son of man is also Lord of the sabbath.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And He again entered into the synagogue. And a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>And they watched Him to see if He would heal him on the sabbath day, so that they might accuse Him. <sup>3</sup>And He said to the man who had the withered hand, Arise! Come into the middle. <sup>4</sup>And He said to them, *Is it* lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? To save life, or to kill? But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>And looking around *on* them with anger, being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched *it* out. And his hand was restored whole, like the other. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

<sup>7</sup>And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples. And a great crowd from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea, <sup>8</sup>and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and *from* beyond Jordan, and those around Tyre and Sidon, a great throng came to him, having heard how much He was doing. <sup>9</sup>And He spoke to His disciples, so that a small boat should stay near to Him, because of the crowd, lest they should press on Him. <sup>10</sup>For He had healed many, so that they pressed on Him in order to touch Him, as many as had plagues. <sup>11</sup>And unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried, saying, You are the Son of God! <sup>12</sup>And He strictly charged them that they should not make Him known.

<sup>13</sup>And He went up into a mountain and called near those whom He would. And they came to Him. <sup>14</sup>And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them out to proclaim, <sup>15</sup>and to have authority to heal sicknesses, and to cast out demons. <sup>16</sup>And He put on Simon *the* name Peter. <sup>17</sup>And He put on James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, *the* name Boanerges, which is, the Sons of Thunder. <sup>18</sup>And *He appointed* Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Canaanite, <sup>19</sup>and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. And they went into a house.

<sup>20</sup>And again a crowd came together, so that they could not even eat bread. <sup>21</sup>And hearing *of it*, those with Him went out to take hold *of* Him; for they said, He is insane. <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He has Beelzebub, and He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons. <sup>23</sup>And He called them and said to them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan rises up against

himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. <sup>27</sup>No one can enter into a strong man's house and plunder his goods, except he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven to the sons of men, and blasphemies with which they shall blaspheme. <sup>29</sup>But he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never shall have forgiveness, but is liable to eternal condemnation. <sup>30</sup>Because they said, He has an unclean spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Then His brothers and His mother came. And standing outside, *they* sent to Him, calling Him. <sup>32</sup>And the crowd sat about Him, and they said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking for You. <sup>33</sup>And He answered them, saying, Who is My mother, or My brothers? <sup>34</sup>And He looked around *on* those who sat about Him, and said, Behold My mother and My brothers! <sup>35</sup>For whoever does the will of God, the same is My brother and My sister and My mother.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And He began again to teach by the seaside. And there was a great crowd gathered to Him, so that He entered into a boat and sat in the sea. And the whole crowd was on the land by the seaside. <sup>2</sup>And He taught them many things by a parable. And He said to them in His teaching: <sup>3</sup>Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, it happened that some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>And another fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth. And it sprang up at once, due to not having deepness of earth. <sup>6</sup>And when *the* sun rose, it was scorched. And because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>And another fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. <sup>8</sup>And another fell on good ground and yielded fruit, going up and increasing. And one bore thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundredfold. <sup>9</sup>And He said to them, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>10</sup>And when he was alone, they who were about Him, with the twelve, asked Him *concerning* the parable. <sup>11</sup>And He said to them, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to those outside, all these things *are given* in parables <sup>12</sup>so that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them. <sup>13</sup>And He said to them, Do you not know this parable? And how then will you know all parables?

<sup>14</sup>The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>And these are those by the wayside, where the word is sown. And when they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. <sup>16</sup>And these are those likewise being sown on stony places; who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness. <sup>17</sup>But they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Afterward when affliction or persecution arises for the word's sake, they are immediately offended. <sup>18</sup>And these are those being sown among thorns; such as hear the word, <sup>19</sup>and the cares of this world, and the deceit of riches, and the lust about other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>And these are those sown on good ground, who hear the word and welcome it, and bear fruit, one thirty, one sixty, and one a hundredfold.

<sup>21</sup>And He said to them, Does a lamp come to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup>For there is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed; nor became covered, but that it might come to the light. <sup>23</sup>If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>24</sup>And He said to them, Take heed what you hear. With that measure which you measure, it shall be measured to you. And to

you who hear, more shall be given. <sup>25</sup>For he who has, *more* shall be given to him; and he who has not, from him shall be taken even that which he has.

<sup>26</sup>And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; <sup>27</sup>and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>For the earth brings out fruit of itself, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the fruit has been brought out, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.

<sup>30</sup>And He said, to what shall we compare the kingdom of God? Or by what parable shall we compare it? <sup>31</sup>*It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that are in the earth. <sup>32</sup>But when it has been sown, *it* grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out great branches, so as to enable the birds of the air to roost under its shade.

<sup>33</sup>And with many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear *it*. <sup>34</sup>But he did not speak to them without a parable. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

<sup>35</sup>And evening having come, He said to them on that day, Let us pass over to the other side. <sup>36</sup>And when they had sent away the crowd, they took Him with them as He was in the boat. And there were also other little boats with Him. <sup>37</sup>And there arose a windstorm, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was now full. <sup>38</sup>And He was in the stern of the boat, asleep on a headrest. And they awakened Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we perish? <sup>39</sup>And He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>And He said to them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? <sup>41</sup>And they feared exceedingly and said to one another, What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And they came over to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. <sup>2</sup>And when He had come out of the boat, immediately a man with unclean spirits met Him out of the tombs, <sup>3</sup>who had *his* dwelling among the tombs. And no one could bind him, no, not with chains <sup>4</sup>because he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. Nor could anyone subdue him. <sup>5</sup>And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>And when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshiped Him, <sup>7</sup>and cried with a loud voice, and said, What *is* to me and to You, Jesus, son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God not to torment me. <sup>8</sup>For He said to him, Come out of the man, unclean spirit! <sup>9</sup>And He asked him, What *is* your name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion, for we are many. <sup>10</sup>And he begged Him very much that He would not send them outside the country. <sup>11</sup>And a great herd of pigs was feeding near the mountains. <sup>12</sup>And all the demons begged Him, saying, Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them. <sup>13</sup>And immediately Jesus allowed them. And the unclean spirits went out and entered into the pigs. And the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand), and were choked in the sea. <sup>14</sup>And the ones who fed the pigs fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. <sup>15</sup>And they came to Jesus and saw him *who was* demon-possessed, and had the legion, sitting and clothed and right-minded. And they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who had seen told them how it happened to the demon-possessed one, and about the pigs. <sup>17</sup>And they began to beg Him to leave their borders. <sup>18</sup>And when He had come into the boat, the *former* demoniac begged Him that he might be with Him.

<sup>19</sup>However Jesus did not allow him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and has had compassion on you. <sup>20</sup>And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all marvelled.

<sup>21</sup>And Jesus having crossed again by boat to the other side, a large crowd collected on Him. And He was near the sea. <sup>22</sup>And, behold, one of the synagogue rulers came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, *he* fell at His feet. <sup>23</sup>And he begged Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come, lay Your hands on her, so that *she* may be healed, and she shall live. <sup>24</sup>And *Jesus* went with him. And many people followed Him and thronged Him.

<sup>25</sup>And a certain woman who had had an issue of blood twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and had not been bettered any, but rather came to worse, <sup>27</sup>having heard about Jesus, she came in the press behind and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, If I may but touch only His clothes, I will be cured. <sup>29</sup>And instantly the fountain of her blood dried up. And she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague. <sup>30</sup>And knowing instantly within Himself that power had gone out of Him, Jesus turned Himself around in the press and said, Who touched My clothes? <sup>31</sup>And His disciples said to Him, You see the crowd pressing on You, and do You say, Who touched Me? <sup>32</sup>And He looked around to see *her* who had done this thing. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done in her, came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth. <sup>34</sup>And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be whole from your plague.

<sup>35</sup>While He still spoke, they came from the synagogue ruler's *house*, saying, Your daughter is dead; why do you still trouble the Teacher? <sup>36</sup>But hearing the word spoken, Jesus said to the synagogue ruler, Do not be afraid, only believe. <sup>37</sup>And He allowed no one to follow Him, except Peter and James and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>And He came to the synagogue ruler's and saw a tumult, and weeping and much wailing. <sup>39</sup>And going in He said to them, Why do you make a tumult and weep? The girl is not dead, but sleeps. <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at Him. But when he had put them all out, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those with Him, and went in where the child was lying. <sup>41</sup>And He took the child's hand and said to her, Talitha koumi; (which interpreted is, Little girl, I say to you, arise! <sup>42</sup>And instantly the little girl arose and walked (for she was twelve years *old*). And they were astonished with a great astonishment. <sup>43</sup>And He strictly warned them that no one should know this. And *He* said to give her *something* to eat.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And He went out from there and came into His native-place. And His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup>And when the sabbath day had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him*, were astonished, saying, Where does this one get these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to him, that even such mighty works are done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him. <sup>4</sup>But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his native-place, and among his own kin, and in his *own* house. <sup>5</sup>And He could do no work of power there, except that He laid *His* hands on a few sick ones, He healed them. <sup>6</sup>And He marvelled because of their unbelief.

And He went around the villages, teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And He called the Twelve and began to send them out by two and two. And He gave them authority *over* unclean spirits, <sup>8</sup>and commanded them that they take nothing in the way, except only a staff; no bag, no bread, no money in the belt, <sup>9</sup>but tying on sandals, and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, In wherever you enter into a house, abide there until you depart from that place. <sup>11</sup>And whoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Truly I say to you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city. <sup>12</sup>And they went out and proclaimed that *men* should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons, and anointed many who were sick with oil, and healed them.

<sup>14</sup>And king Herod heard of *Him* (for His name had been spread abroad,) and he said that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead, and therefore mighty works operate in him. <sup>15</sup>Others said that it was Elijah. And others said that it was a prophet, or as one of the prophets. <sup>16</sup>But hearing Herod said, It is John, whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead! <sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent out and laid hold on John and had bound him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For he had married her, <sup>18</sup>and John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife. <sup>19</sup>And Herodias held it against him, and desired to kill him, but she could not. <sup>20</sup>For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man. And he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he did many things and heard him gladly. <sup>21</sup>And a convenient day came, when Herod made a supper to great men on his birthday, and to the chief captains, and to the first men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced and pleased Herod, and those who reclined with *him*, the king said to the girl, Ask whatever you desire from me, and I will give it to you. <sup>23</sup>And he swore to her, Whatever you shall ask from me, I will give it to you, to the half of my kingdom. <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. <sup>25</sup>And immediately going in with haste to the king, she asked, saying, I desire that you give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter. <sup>26</sup>And becoming deeply grieved, the king, because of his oath, and those reclining together, he did not wish to reject her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>and brought his head in a platter and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>And when his disciples heard, they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

<sup>30</sup>And the apostles gathered themselves to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. <sup>31</sup>And He said to them, Come aside into a desert place and rest a little. For there were many coming and going, and they had no opportunity even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they departed by boat into a desert place. <sup>33</sup>And the crowds saw them leaving, and many knew Him. And *they* ran together on foot there, out of the cities. And they went before them and came together to Him. <sup>34</sup>And going out Jesus saw a large crowd. And He was moved with compassion toward them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And *it* now becoming a late hour, His disciples came to Him and said, This is a desert place and *it* is now a late hour. <sup>36</sup>Send them away so that they may go to the surrounding fields and villages and buy loaves for themselves. For they have nothing to eat. <sup>37</sup>He answered and said to them, You give them *food* to eat. And they said to Him, Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii of loaves and give them to eat? <sup>38</sup>He said to them, How many loaves do you have? Go and see. And when they knew, they said, Five, and



two fish. <sup>39</sup>And He commanded them all to recline, group by group, on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>And they sat group by group, by hundred and by fifties.

<sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to Heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them. And He divided the two fish among them. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were filled. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve handbaskets full of fragments, also from the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those eating the loaves were about five thousand men.

<sup>45</sup>And immediately He constrained His disciples to get into the boat and to go before to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent away the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And taking leave of them, He went away to the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening had come, the boat was in *the* middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And He saw them toiling in rowing, for the wind was contrary to them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came toward them walking on the sea, and would have passed by them. <sup>49</sup>But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a phantom, and cried out. <sup>50</sup>For they all saw Him and were troubled. And immediately He talked with them, and said, Be of good cheer. I AM! Do not be afraid. <sup>51</sup>And He went up into the boat to them. And the wind was cut off. And they were very much amazed within themselves beyond measure, and marvelled. <sup>52</sup>For they did not understand *the miracle* of the loaves, for their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>And crossing over, they came into the land of Gennesaret and drew to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they had come out of the boat, at once knowing Him, <sup>55</sup>they ran all around that neighborhood, and began to carry on cots those who were sick, wherever they heard He was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever He entered, into villages or cities or country, they laid the sick in the streets and begged Him if only they might touch but the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made whole.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And when they saw some of His disciples eating loaves with unclean hands, that is with unwashed *hands*, they found fault. <sup>3</sup>For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands with *the* fist, holding the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>And *coming* from the market, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received to hold, the washing of cups and pots, and of bronze vessels, and of tables. <sup>5</sup>Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat loaves with unwashed hands? <sup>6</sup>But He answered and said to them, Well has Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. <sup>7</sup>However, they worship Me in vain, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." <sup>8</sup>For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, the washing of pots and cups. And many other such things you do. <sup>9</sup>And He said to them, Do you *do* well to set aside the commandment of God, so that you may keep your own tradition? <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother." And, "Whoever curses father or mother, let him die the death." <sup>11</sup>But you say, If a man shall say to *his* father or mother, Whatever you may gain by me, Corban! (that is, A gift to God — whatever you may profit by me) <sup>12</sup>and you no longer allow him to do anything toward his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have delivered. And you do many such things.

<sup>14</sup>And calling near all the crowd, He said to them, Listen to Me, every one of you, and understand. <sup>15</sup>There is nothing from outside a man which entering into

him can defile *him*. But the things which come out of him, those are the ones that defile the man. <sup>16</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>17</sup>And when He had entered into the house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. <sup>18</sup>And He said to them, Are you also without understanding? Do you not perceive that whatever enters into the man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>because it does not enter into his heart, but into the belly, and goes out into the wastebowl, purifying all food? <sup>20</sup>And He said, That which comes out of the man is what defiles the man. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: <sup>23</sup>All these evil things pass out from inside and defile the man.

<sup>24</sup>And He arose from there and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered into a house and desired no one to know it. But He could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>For a woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of Him and came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup>The woman was a Greek, a Syro-phenician by race. And she begged Him that He would cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus said to her, Let the children first be filled. For it is not right to take the children's loaves and to throw *it* to the dogs. <sup>28</sup>And she answered and said to Him, Yes, Lord, yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. <sup>29</sup>And He said to her, For this saying go, the demon has gone out of your daughter. <sup>30</sup>And when she had come to her house, she found the demon had gone out, and *her* daughter lay on the couch.

<sup>31</sup>And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the Sea of Galilee, in the midst of the borders of *the* Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought a deaf one to Him, hardly speaking. And they begged Him to put *His* hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And He took him aside from the crowd and put His fingers into his ears. And He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to Heaven, He sighed and said to him, Ephphatha! (that is, Be opened!) <sup>35</sup>And instantly his ears were opened and the bond of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And He commanded them, that they should tell no one. But the more He commanded them, so much the more they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>In those days, the crowd being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, <sup>2</sup>I have compassion on the crowd because they have now been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint in the way. For many of them come from afar. <sup>4</sup>And His disciples answered Him, From where can a man satisfy these *with* loaves here in the wilderness? <sup>5</sup>And He asked them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven. <sup>6</sup>And He commanded the people to recline on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, and He broke and gave to His disciples to set before them. And they set them before the people. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish. And He blessed and commanded them to set them also before them. <sup>8</sup>So they ate and were filled. And *they* took up seven lunchbaskets of fragments. <sup>9</sup>And they who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

<sup>10</sup>And immediately He entered into a boat with His disciples and came into the region of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup>And the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking a sign from Him, tempting Him. <sup>12</sup>And He sighed deeply in His spirit and said, Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to

you, There shall no sign be given to this generation. <sup>13</sup>And He left them. And entering into the boat again, He departed to the other side.

<sup>14</sup>And the disciples had forgotten to take loaves, and they did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. <sup>15</sup>And He charged them, saying, Take heed! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the leaven of Herod. <sup>16</sup>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no loaves. <sup>17</sup>And knowing it, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason that it is because you have no loaves? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Have you hardened your heart? <sup>18</sup>Do you have eyes and do not see? Do you have ears and do not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many handbaskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve. <sup>20</sup>And when the seven among four thousand, how many lunchbaskets full of fragments did you take up? And they said, Seven. <sup>21</sup>And He said to them, How is it that you do not understand?

<sup>22</sup>And He came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Him and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup>And He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spat on his eyes and had put *His* hands on him, He asked Him if he saw anything. <sup>24</sup>And he looked up and said, I see men as trees, walking. <sup>25</sup>And after that He put *His* hands again on his eyes and made him look up. And he was restored and saw all clearly. <sup>26</sup>And He sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus and His disciples went out into the towns of Caesarea Philippi. And in the way He asked His disciples, saying to them, Who do men say that I am? <sup>28</sup>And they answered, John the Baptist. But some say Elijah, and others say one of the prophets. <sup>29</sup>And He said to them, But who do you say that I am? And Peter answered and said to Him, You are the Christ. <sup>30</sup>And He charged them that they should tell no one of Him.

<sup>31</sup>And He began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And He spoke that saying openly. And Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup>But when He had turned around and looked on His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Go behind Me, Satan! For you do not mind the things of God, but of the things of men.

<sup>34</sup>And calling near the crowd with His disciples, He said to them, Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, he shall save it. <sup>36</sup>For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>Therefore whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man shall also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And He said to them, Truly I say to you that there are some of those who stand here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God come with power.

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up into a high mountain, apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>And His clothing became shining, exceedingly white as snow such as no fuller on earth could whiten them. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah with Moses was seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for

Moses, and one for Elijah. <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were very much afraid. <sup>7</sup>And there was a cloud that overshadowed them. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son. Hear Him. <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, when they had looked around, they did not see anyone any more, except Jesus only, together with themselves. <sup>9</sup>And as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things that they had seen until the Son of man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>And they kept that saying within themselves, debating with one another what the rising from the dead is.

<sup>11</sup>And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must first come? <sup>12</sup>And He answered and told them, Elijah truly does come first and restores all things. And how has it been written of the Son of man that He should suffer many things and be despised? <sup>13</sup>But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they desired, as it is written of him.

<sup>14</sup>And coming to His disciples, He saw a great crowd around them, and the scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, seeing Him, were greatly amazed, and they were running to Him to greet Him. <sup>16</sup>And He asked the scribes, What are you discussing with them? <sup>17</sup>And one of the crowd answered and said, Teacher, I have brought my son who has a dumb spirit to You. <sup>18</sup>And wherever he seizes him, he dashes him. And he foams and gnashes his teeth and pines away. And I spoke to Your disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not. <sup>19</sup>He answered him and said, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me! <sup>20</sup>And they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, the spirit immediately convulsed him. And he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming. <sup>21</sup>And He asked his father, How long ago has it been since this came to him? And he said, From a child. <sup>22</sup>And oftentimes it has cast him into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. <sup>24</sup>And immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief. <sup>25</sup>And seeing that a crowd is running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, Dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter no more into him! <sup>26</sup>And the spirit cried out, throwing him into convulsions, and came out of him. And he was like one dead, so that many said, He is dead. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And He entering into a house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could we not cast him out? <sup>29</sup>And He said to them, This kind can come out by nothing except by prayer and fasting.

<sup>30</sup>And going out from there, they passed through Galilee. And He desired that no one should know. <sup>31</sup>For He taught His disciples and said to them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him. And after He is killed, He shall rise the third day. <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand that saying and were afraid to ask Him.

<sup>33</sup>And He came to Capernaum. And being in the house, He asked them, What was it that you disputed among yourselves in the way? <sup>34</sup>But they were silent. For in the way they had disputed among themselves who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And He sat down and called the Twelve and said to them, If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all. <sup>36</sup>And He took a child, and embraced it, and set him in their midst. And He said to them, <sup>37</sup>Whoever shall receive one of such children in My name receives Me. And whoever shall receive Me does not only receive Me, but Him who sent Me.

<sup>38</sup>And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out demons in Your name, and he does not follow us. And we forbade him, because he does not

follow us. <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, Do not forbid him. For there is no one who shall do a work of power in My name who can lightly speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup>For he who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever shall offend one of these little ones who believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged around his neck and he were cast into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand offends you, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than to have two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched <sup>44</sup>where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot offends you, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched <sup>46</sup>where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye offends you, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes to be cast into hell fire <sup>48</sup>where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>49</sup>For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if the salt becomes saltless, with what will you season? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And He arose from there. And He came into the borders of Judea by the other side of *the* Jordan. And again a crowd came together to Him again. And as was His custom, He taught them again.

<sup>2</sup>And tempting Him, the Pharisees came to Him and asked Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? <sup>3</sup>And He answered and said to them, What did Moses command you? <sup>4</sup>And they said, Moses allowed a bill of divorce to be written, and to put *her* away. <sup>5</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, He wrote you this precept because of the hardness of your hearts. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup>For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife. <sup>8</sup>And the two of them shall be one flesh. So then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put apart. <sup>10</sup>And in the house His disciples asked Him again about the same. <sup>11</sup>And He said to them, Whoever shall put away his wife and marry another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she commits adultery.

<sup>13</sup>And they brought children to Him, so that He should touch them. And His disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw, He was much displeased and said to them, Allow the little children to come to Me and forbid them not. For of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly I say to you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter into it. <sup>16</sup>And taking them up in *His* arms, He put His hands on them and blessed them.

<sup>17</sup>And when He had gone out into *the* way, one came running up and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except one, God. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and your mother. <sup>20</sup>And he answered and said to Him, Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth. <sup>21</sup>Then Jesus, beholding him, loved him and said to him, One *thing* you lack. Go, sell whatever you have and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasures in Heaven. And come, take up the cross and follow Me. <sup>22</sup>And he was sad at that saying and went away grieved, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, How hardly those having riches will enter into the kingdom of God! <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answering again said to them, Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying to themselves, And who can be saved? <sup>27</sup>And Jesus looking on them said, With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.

<sup>28</sup>Then Peter began to say to Him, Lo, we have left all and have followed You. <sup>29</sup>And Jesus answered and said, Truly I say to you, There is no man that has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for my sake and the gospel's sake, <sup>30</sup>but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands with persecutions and in the world to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

<sup>32</sup>And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem. And Jesus went before them. And they were amazed, and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took the Twelve again and began to tell them what would happen to Him, <sup>33</sup>saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes. And they will condemn Him to death and will deliver Him to the nations. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock Him, and will scourge Him, and will spit on Him, and will kill Him. And the third day He shall rise again.

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying, Master, we desire that You should do for us whatever we shall ask. <sup>36</sup>And He said to them, What do you desire that I should do for you? <sup>37</sup>They said to Him, Grant to us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left hand, in Your glory. <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you ask. Can you drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? <sup>39</sup>And they said to Him, We can. And Jesus said to them, You shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of, and with the baptism that I am baptized with you shall be baptized. <sup>40</sup>But to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but to those for whom it is prepared. <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup>But Jesus called them and said to them, You know that they who are accounted rulers over the nations exercise lordship over them. And their great ones exercise authority on them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant. <sup>44</sup>And whoever of you desires to become first, he shall be servant of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

<sup>46</sup>And they came to Jericho. And as He with His disciples and a large crowd went out of Jericho, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, was sitting by the side of the highway, begging. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me! <sup>48</sup>And many warned him that he should be quiet, but he cried a great deal more, Son of David, have mercy on me! <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying to him, Be of good comfort; rise up, He is calling you. <sup>50</sup>And casting away his garment, he rose up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And answering Jesus said to him, What do you desire that I should do to you? The blind man said to Him, My Lord, that I may see again. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, Go, your faith has made you whole. And instantly he saw again, and he followed Jesus in the way.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, He sent out two of His disciples. <sup>2</sup>And He said to them, Go into the village over across from you. And as soon as you have entered into it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one of men has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>And if anyone says to you, Why do you do this? Say that the Lord has need of him, and immediately he will send him here. <sup>4</sup>And they went, and they found the colt tied by the door outside, in a place where two ways met. And they untied him. <sup>5</sup>And certain of those who stood there said to them, What are you doing, untying the colt? <sup>6</sup>And they said to them even as Jesus had commanded. And they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus, and they threw their garments on it. And He sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their garments in the way, and others cut down branches off the trees and scattered *them* in the way. <sup>9</sup>And those going before, and those following, cried out, saying, Hosanna! Blessed *is* He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David, who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord! Hosanna in the highest! <sup>11</sup>And Jesus entered into Jerusalem and into the temple. And when He had looked around on all things, the hour already being late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

<sup>12</sup>And on the next day, they going out of Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup>And seeing a fig-tree with leaves afar off, He went *to it*, if perhaps He might find anything on it. And when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not *the* season of figs. <sup>14</sup>And Jesus answered and said to it, No one shall eat fruit of you forever. And His disciples heard.

<sup>15</sup>And they came to Jerusalem. And entering into the temple, Jesus began to cast out those who bought and sold in the temple. And He overthrew the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>16</sup>And *He* would not allow any to carry a vessel through the temple. <sup>17</sup>And *He* taught, saying to them, Is it not written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer for all nations?" But you have made it a den of thieves. <sup>18</sup>And the scribes and the chief priests heard. And they sought how they might destroy Him. For they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. <sup>19</sup>And when evening came, He went out of the city. <sup>20</sup>And passing on early, they saw the fig-tree dried up from *the* roots. <sup>21</sup>And Peter, remembering, said to Him, Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered away. <sup>22</sup>And answering Jesus said to them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>For truly I say to you that whoever shall say to this mountain, Be moved and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he said shall occur, he shall have whatever he said. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, All things, whatever you ask, praying, believe that you shall receive them, and it will be to you. <sup>25</sup>And when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive *it* so that also your Father in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup>But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive your trespasses.

<sup>27</sup>And they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him <sup>28</sup>and said to Him, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority to do these things? <sup>29</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, I will also ask of you one thing, and answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup>The baptism of John, was it from Heaven, or from men? Answer Me. <sup>31</sup>And they reasoned within themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him? <sup>32</sup>But if we shall say, From men, they feared the people, for all held John to be a prophet indeed. <sup>33</sup>And they answered and

said to Jesus, We cannot tell. And answering Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And He began to speak to them by parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a fence about *it*, and dug a winevat, and built a tower, and *he* let it out to vinedressers, and went away. <sup>2</sup>And at the season he sent a servant to the vinedressers, so that he might receive from the vinedressers the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And taking him, they beat *him* and sent *him* away empty. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent to them another servant. And stoning that one, they struck *him* in the head, and sent *him* away, insulting him. <sup>5</sup>And again he sent another. And they killed him, and many others, beating some and killing some. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, still having one son, his own beloved, he also sent him to them last of *all*, saying, They will respect my son. <sup>7</sup>But those vinedressers said among themselves, This is the heir! Come, let us kill him and the inheritance shall be ours. <sup>8</sup>And they took *him* and killed him and cast *him* out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers and will give the vineyard to others.

<sup>10</sup>And have you not read this scripture "*The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Head of the corner: <sup>11</sup>this was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes*"? <sup>12</sup>And they sought to seize him, but feared the crowd. For they knew that He spoke the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away. <sup>13</sup>And they sent certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to Him, to catch Him in His words. <sup>14</sup>And coming, they said to Him, Teacher, we know that you are true and you care about no one. For you do not look to *the* face of men, but teach the way of God *in* truth. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? <sup>15</sup>Shall we give, or shall we not give? But knowing their hypocrisy, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? Bring me a denarius so that I may see. <sup>16</sup>And they brought *it*. And He said to them, Whose image and inscription *is* this? And they said to Him, Caesar's. <sup>17</sup>And answering Jesus said to them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at Him.

<sup>18</sup>Then the Sadducees came to Him, who say there is no resurrection. And they asked Him, saying, <sup>19</sup>Teacher, Moses wrote to us, If a man's brother die and leaves *his* wife, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up seed to his brother. <sup>20</sup>And there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and dying left no seed. <sup>21</sup>And the second took her, and died; neither did he leave any seed. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup>And the seven had her, and left no seed. Last of all the woman also died. <sup>23</sup>In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her *as* a wife. <sup>24</sup>And answering Jesus said to them, Do you not err because of this, not knowing Scriptures, nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup>For when they shall rise from *the* dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are as the angels in Heaven. <sup>26</sup>And as regards the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses how God spoke to him in the Bush, saying, "*I am* the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?" <sup>27</sup>He is not the God of *the* dead, but the God of *the* living. Therefore you greatly err.

<sup>28</sup>And coming up one of the scribes heard them reasoning, knowing that He had answered them well, he asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all? <sup>29</sup>And Jesus answered him, *The* first of all the commandments *is*, "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; <sup>30</sup>and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" This is the first commandment. <sup>31</sup>And *the* second *is* like this: You shall



love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.<sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to Him, Right, Teacher, according to truth You have spoken, that God is one, and there is no other besides Him.<sup>33</sup> And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love the neighbor as himself, is more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.<sup>34</sup> And seeing that he had answered intelligently, Jesus said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And no one dared to question Him any more.

<sup>35</sup> And answering, teaching in the temple, Jesus said, How do the scribes say that Christ is the Son of David? <sup>36</sup> For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: "The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand until I place Your enemies *as* Your footstool."<sup>37</sup> David therefore himself calls Him Lord, and why then is He his son? And the great crowd heard Him gladly.

<sup>38</sup> And He said to them in His teaching, Beware of the scribes, who love to walk about in robes, and love greetings in the markets,<sup>39</sup> and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost places at feasts<sup>40</sup> who devour widows' houses, and as a pretense make long prayers. These shall receive greater condemnation.

<sup>41</sup> And sitting down opposite the treasury, Jesus watched how the people threw copper coins into the treasury. And many rich ones threw in much.<sup>42</sup> And a certain poor widow came, and she threw in two lepta, which is a kodrantes.<sup>43</sup> And He called His disciples and said to them, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has cast *in* more than all those who have cast into the treasury.<sup>44</sup> For all cast *in* from their abundance. But she, out of her poverty, has cast *in* all that she had, all her livelihood.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup> And as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, Master, see! What stones and what buildings! <sup>2</sup> And answering Jesus said to him, Do you see these great buildings? There shall not be one stone left on another that shall not be thrown down.<sup>3</sup> And *as* He sat on the Mount of Olives, across from the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately, <sup>4</sup> Tell us, When shall all these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? <sup>5</sup> And Jesus answering them began to say, Beware that no one deceive you. <sup>6</sup> For many shall come in My name, saying, I AM, and shall deceive many. <sup>7</sup> And when you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. For it must happen, but the end *shall not be yet*. <sup>8</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be earthquakes in different places, and there shall be famines and troubles. These things *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

<sup>9</sup> But take heed to yourselves. For they shall deliver you up to councils, and in the synagogues you shall be beaten. And you shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> But whenever they lead you away and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what you should speak or think. But speak whatever shall be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And a brother will betray a brother to death, and a father *his* son. And children will rise up against *their* parents and will cause them to be put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, but *he* enduring to the end, that *one* will be saved.

<sup>14</sup> But when you see the abomination of desolation, *that* spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let him who reads understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup> And let him who is on the

housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. <sup>16</sup>And let *him* who is in the field not turn back again in order to take up his garment. <sup>17</sup>But woe to those *with babe* in womb, and to those who give suck in those days! <sup>18</sup>And pray that your flight is not in the winter. <sup>19</sup>For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as has not been from *the* beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never *shall* be. <sup>20</sup>And unless *the* Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, whom He has chosen, He has shortened the days. <sup>21</sup>And then if anyone shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ! Or, lo, there! Do not believe *him*. <sup>22</sup>For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show signs and wonders in order to seduce, if possible, even the elect. <sup>23</sup>But take heed; behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars of Heaven shall fall, and the powers in the heavens shall be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then He shall send His angels and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from *the* end of the earth to *the* end of Heaven. <sup>28</sup>And learn the parable of the fig-tree: when her branch is still tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So you also, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, *at the doors*. <sup>30</sup>Truly I say to you that this generation shall not pass away until all these things occur. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father. <sup>33</sup>Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time is. <sup>34</sup>As a man going away, leaving his house, and giving authority to his servants, and each man's work to him, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. <sup>35</sup>Then you watch, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, *at evening*, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or early; <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly *and* find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you, I say to all. Watch.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And after two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by craft *and* kill Him. <sup>2</sup>But they said, Not during the Feast, lest there be an uproar of the people.

<sup>3</sup>And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined, a woman came with an alabaster vial of pure, costly ointment of spikenard. And she broke the vial and poured *it* on His head. <sup>4</sup>And some were indignant to themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? <sup>5</sup>For it might have been sold *for* more than three hundred denarii, and be given to the poor. And they were incensed with her. <sup>6</sup>And Jesus said, Let her alone! Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work towards Me. <sup>7</sup>For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you desire you may do them good. But you do not have Me always. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for the burying. <sup>9</sup>Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel shall be proclaimed in all the world, this also that *she* has done will be spoken of for a memorial of her.

<sup>10</sup>And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard, they were glad and promised to give him silver. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

<sup>12</sup>And the first day of unleavened *loaves*, when they killed the passover, His disciples said to Him, Where do You desire *that* we go and prepare that You may eat the passover? <sup>13</sup>And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, Go

into the city, and there you shall meet a man bearing a pitcher of water. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>And wherever he may go in, you say to the housemaster, The Teacher says, Where is the guest room where I shall eat the passover with My disciples? <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared. Prepare there for us. <sup>16</sup>And His disciples went out and came into the city and found *it* as He had said to them. And they made the passover ready.

<sup>17</sup>And in the evening He came with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they reclined and ate, Jesus said, Truly I say to you, One of you will betray Me, the *one* eating with Me. <sup>19</sup>And they began to be grieved, and to say to Him one by one, Not at all I, *is it*? And another *said*, Not at all I, *is it*? <sup>20</sup>And answering He said to them, *It is one of the Twelve, the one dipping with Me in the dish.* <sup>21</sup>The Son of man indeed goes, as it has been written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It were good for that man if he had never been born.

<sup>22</sup>And as they ate, Jesus took a loaf and blessed and broke it, and He gave to them and said, Take, eat; this is My body. <sup>23</sup>And He took the cup. And when He had given thanks, He gave it to them. And they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And He said to them, This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I say to you, I will no more drink of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, All of you will be offended because of Me this night. For it is written, "I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." <sup>28</sup>But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>29</sup>But Peter said to Him, Although all shall be offended, yet I will not. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that today, in this night, before *the* cock crows twice, you shall deny Me three times. <sup>31</sup>But he spoke the more fervently, If I should die with You, I will not deny You in any way. Also they all said likewise.

<sup>32</sup>And they came to a place named Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, Sit here while I pray. <sup>33</sup>And He took with Him Peter and James and John. And He began to be greatly amazed, and to be very heavy. <sup>34</sup>And *He* said to them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful to death. Stay here and watch. <sup>35</sup>And He went forward a little and fell on the ground. And He prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. <sup>36</sup>And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to You. Take away this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You *will*. <sup>37</sup>And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, Simon, do you sleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. Truly the spirit *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak. <sup>39</sup>And again He went away and prayed and spoke the same words. <sup>40</sup>And when He returned, He found them asleep again (for their eyes were heavy), neither did they know what to answer Him. <sup>41</sup>And He came the third time and said to them, Sleep on now and take *your* rest. It is enough, the hour has come. Behold, the Son of man has been betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise up, let us go. Lo, *he* who betrays Me is at hand.

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while He still spoke, Judas, one of the Twelve, came, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>And *he* who betrayed Him had given them a sign, saying, Whomever I shall kiss, *it is* He. Take Him and lead *Him* away safely.

<sup>45</sup>And coming, at once drawing near to Him, he said, Rabbi, Rabbi! And *he* ardently kissed Him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid their hands on Him and seized Him. <sup>47</sup>And one of those standing by, drawing a sword, struck a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And answering Jesus said to them, Have you come out with swords and clubs, as against a robber, to take Me? <sup>49</sup>I was with you daily in the

temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.

<sup>50</sup>And leaving Him, all fled. <sup>51</sup>And one, a certain young man, followed Him, having thrown a linen cloth around *his* naked *body*. And the young men caught him.

<sup>52</sup>And he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. <sup>54</sup>And Peter followed Him from a distance to the inside of the court of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus, to put Him to death. And *they* found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against Him, but their witness did not agree together. <sup>57</sup>And certain ones rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, <sup>58</sup>We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. <sup>59</sup>But neither did their witness agree together.

<sup>60</sup>And standing up in the middle, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, Do you answer nothing? What is it which these witness against you? <sup>61</sup>But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed? <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, I AM! And you will see the Son of man sitting on *the* right *hand* of power and coming in the clouds of the heavens. <sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, What further need do we have of witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard the blasphemy; what do you think? And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on Him, and to cover His face and to beat Him, and to say to Him, Prophecy! And the under-officers struck Him with slaps.

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the palace, one of the maidservants of the high priest came. <sup>67</sup>And when *she* saw Peter warming himself, *she* looked on him and said, And you also were with Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>68</sup>But he denied, saying, I do not know nor even understand what you are saying. And he went out into the forecourt. And a cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And a maidservant saw him again and began to say to those who stood by, This is one of them. <sup>70</sup>And he denied it again. And a little after, those who stood by said again to Peter, Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and your speech agrees. <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, I do not know this man of whom you speak. <sup>72</sup>And the second time a cock crowed. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him, Before a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times. And thinking on *it*, he wept.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And immediately in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And *they* bound Jesus and carried *Him* away and delivered *Him* to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked Him, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering He said to him, You say *it*. <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Do you answer nothing? Behold how many things they witness against you? <sup>5</sup>But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled. <sup>6</sup>And at *that* feast he released to them one prisoner, whomever they desired. <sup>7</sup>And there was one named Barabbas, bound with those who had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd, crying aloud, began to beg *him to do* as he had always done to them. <sup>9</sup>But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you desire that I release to you the King of the Jews? <sup>10</sup>For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him because of envy. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests moved the people that he should rather release Barabbas to them. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate answered and said again to them, What then do you desire that I should do to *him* whom you call the King of the Jews? <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, Crucify him!

<sup>14</sup>Then Pilate said to them, Why? What evil has he done? And they much more cried out, Crucify him! <sup>15</sup>And deciding to do the easiest, Pilate released Barabbas to them, and having scourged *Him*, delivered up Jesus to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led *Him* away inside the court, which is *the* praetorium. And they called together the whole band. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed *Him* with purple and plaited a crown of thorns and put it around *His* head. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute *Him*, Hail, King of the Jews! <sup>19</sup>And they struck *Him* on the head with a reed, and spat on *Him*, and placing the knees, *they* bowed to *Him*. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked *Him*, they took the purple off *Him* and put *His* own clothes on *Him* and led *Him* out to crucify *Him*. <sup>21</sup>And they made one who was passing by, Simon a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear *His* cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought *Him* to Golgotha Place (which translated is, Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they gave *Him* wine mixed with myrrh to drink. But *He* did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And when *they* had crucified *Him*, they divided *His* garments, casting lots on them, as, to what *each* should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was *the* third hour, and they crucified *Him*. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of *His* accusation was written over *Him*, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>27</sup>And with *Him* they crucified two thieves, the one off *the* right, and one off *the* left. <sup>28</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which said, "And he was numbered with the transgressors." <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by railed on *Him*, wagging their heads and saying, Aha! *You* razing the temple and building it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself and come down from the cross! <sup>31</sup>And also the chief priests mocking, with the scribes, said to one another, He saved others but he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let Christ the King of Israel now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe. And they who were crucified with *Him* insulted *Him*.

<sup>33</sup>And *it* being *the* sixth hour, darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at *the* ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? (which being translated is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? <sup>35</sup>And hearing, some of those standing by said, Behold, he calls Elijah. <sup>36</sup>And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. *But they* said, Let *alone*, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down. <sup>37</sup>And letting out a loud voice, Jesus expired. <sup>38</sup>And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood across from him, saw that *He* cried out so, and expired, he said, Truly this man was *the* Son of God. <sup>40</sup>And also women were watching from a distance, among whom also was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome, <sup>41</sup>(who also, when *He* was in Galilee, followed *Him* and ministered to *Him*), and many other women who came up with *Him* to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And *it*, becoming evening already, since it was *the* Preparation, that is, *the* day before sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable councillor, who also waited for the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>And Pilate wondered if *He* were already dead. And calling the centurion, he asked him whether *He* had been dead very long. <sup>45</sup>And when he knew *it* from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And he bought a linen cloth, and took *Him* down, and wrapped *Him* in the linen, and laid *Him* in a tomb which was cut out of a rock, and rolled a stone to the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the* mother of Joses saw where *He* was laid.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the *mother* of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices so that they might come and anoint *Him*. <sup>2</sup>And very early in the morning, the first *day* of the week, they came upon

the tomb, the sun having risen. <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us? <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very great. <sup>5</sup>And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, clothed in a long white garment. And they were frightened. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, Do not be frightened. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see Him, as He said to you. <sup>8</sup>And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb. For they trembled and were amazed. Neither did they say anything to anyone, for they were afraid.

<sup>9</sup>And when *Jesus* had risen early the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. <sup>10</sup>*She* went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>And those hearing that He lives, and was seen by her, they did not believe. <sup>12</sup>After that He appeared in another form to two of them, walking *and* going into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went and told *it* to the rest. Neither did they believe those.

<sup>14</sup>Afterward He appeared to the Eleven as they reclined. And *He* reproached their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, Go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to all the creation. <sup>16</sup>He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but *he* who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And signs will follow to those believing these things: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on *the* sick, and they will be well.

<sup>19</sup>Then indeed, after speaking to them, the Lord was taken up into Heaven, and sat on *the* right *hand* of God. <sup>20</sup>And going out, they proclaimed everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word by signs following. Amen.

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Since many took in hand to draw up an account concerning the matters which have been borne out among us, <sup>2</sup>even as those who from *the* beginning delivered to us, becoming eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, <sup>3</sup>it seemed good to me also, having traced out all things accurately from the very first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you might know the certainty of those things in which you have been instructed.

<sup>5</sup>In the days of Herod, the king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of *the* course of Abijah. And his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren. And both were advanced in their days. <sup>8</sup>And it happened in his serving in the order of his course, before God, <sup>9</sup>according to the custom of the priests, *it was his* lot to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>And all the multitude of the people were praying outside at the time of incense. <sup>11</sup>And an angel of *the* Lord appeared to him as he was standing on *the* right of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>And seeing *this*, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, Do not fear, Zacharias. For your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup>For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither drink wine nor strong drink. And he shall be filled with *the* Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup>And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to *the* Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>And he shall go before Him in *the* spirit and power of Elijah, to turn *the* hearts of the fathers to *the* children, and the disobedient to *the* wisdom of *the* just, to make ready a people prepared for *the* Lord. <sup>18</sup>And Zacharias said to the angel, By what shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in her days.

<sup>19</sup>And answering, the angel said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands before God. And I am sent to speak to you and to show you *these* glad tidings. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you shall be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because you did not believe my words which shall be fulfilled in their time.

<sup>21</sup>And the people waited for Zacharias and marvelled that he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he could not speak to them. And they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he was making signs to them, and remained speechless. <sup>23</sup>And as soon as the days of his service were accomplished, he departed to his own house. <sup>24</sup>And after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived and hid herself five months, saying, <sup>25</sup>So the Lord has dealt with me in *the* days in which He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

<sup>26</sup>And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name *was* Joseph, of *the* house of David. And the virgin's name *was* Mary. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in to her and said, Hail, *one* receiving grace, the Lord *is* with you. Blessed *are* you among women. <sup>29</sup>And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold! You shall conceive in *your* womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He

shall be great and shall be called *the* Son of *the* Highest. And the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David.<sup>33</sup> And He shall reign over the house of David forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, How shall this be, since I do not know a man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, *The Holy Spirit* shall come on you, and the power of *the* Highest shall overshadow you. Therefore also that Holy *One* which will be born of you shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your cousin Elizabeth also conceived a son in her old age. And this is *the* sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing shall be impossible. <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, Behold the servant of *the* Lord. Let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah. <sup>40</sup> And *she* entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened as Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with *the* Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and cried out with a loud voice and said, Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And from where *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For lo, as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed *is* she who believes, for there shall be a perfecting of those things which were told her from *the* Lord.

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. <sup>48</sup> For He looked on the humiliation of His bonds slave. For, behold, from now on all generations shall count me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy *is* His name. <sup>50</sup> And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has worked power with His arm, He has scattered the proud in *the* imagination of their heart. <sup>52</sup> He has put down rulers from their seats and exalted the lowly, <sup>53</sup> He has filled *the* hungry with good things, and He has sent away the rich empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, <sup>55</sup> as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. <sup>56</sup> And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

<sup>57</sup> And the time was fulfilled to Elizabeth *for* her to bear. And she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbors and her kinfolk heard how *the* Lord had shown great mercy on her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and were calling it Zacharias, after his father's name. <sup>60</sup> And his mother answered and said, No, but he shall be called John. <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, There is none of your kindred that is called by this name. <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father as to how he would have him called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they all marvelled. <sup>64</sup> And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosened*. And he spoke and praised God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all who lived all around them. And all these things were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> And all those who heard laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What kind of child shall this be! And *the* hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zacharias was filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, <sup>68</sup> Blessed is *the* Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people <sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, <sup>70</sup> as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from eternity; <sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, <sup>72</sup> to perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant — <sup>73</sup> *the* oath which He swore to our father Abraham, <sup>74</sup> that He would grant to us, *that we*, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him



without fear <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of *the* Highest, for you shall go before *the* face of *the* Lord to prepare His ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, <sup>78</sup>through *the* tender mercy of our God; by which *the* Dayspring from on high has visited us, <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into *the* way of peace.

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts until *the* day of his showing to Israel.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus *that* all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to *his* own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee to be taxed (out of *the* city of Nazareth, into Judea, to *the* city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of *the* house and family line of David). <sup>5</sup>And he took Mary his betrothed wife, being with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the days *for* her deliverance were fulfilled. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her son, the Firstborn, and wrapped Him, and laid Him in a manger — because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same country there were shepherds living in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And lo, the angel of *the* Lord came on them, and *the* glory of *the* Lord shone around them. And they were grievously afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, Do not fear. For behold, I give to you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For to you is born today, in *the* city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ *the* Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this *is* a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of *the* heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

<sup>15</sup>And it happened as the angels departed from them into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Indeed, let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has happened, which the Lord made known to us. <sup>16</sup>And hurrying they came and sought out both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>And seeing, they publicly told about the word spoken to them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup>And all those who heard marvelled about the things spoken to them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these sayings, meditating in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as was spoken to them.

<sup>21</sup>And when eight days were fulfilled to circumcise the child, His name was called JESUS, *the* name called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present *Him* to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to that said in the Law of *the* Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

<sup>25</sup>And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon. And this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel. And *the* Holy Spirit *was* on him. <sup>26</sup>And it happened to him, being instructed by the Holy Spirit, *he* *was* not to see death before he would see the Christ of *the* Lord. <sup>27</sup>And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And *as* the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do according to the custom of the law concerning Him, <sup>28</sup>even *he* received Him in his arms and blessed God, and said, <sup>29</sup>Lord, now You will let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. <sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen Your Salvation <sup>31</sup>which

You have prepared before the face of all *the* peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to *the* nations, and *the* glory of Your people Israel.

<sup>33</sup>And Joseph and His mother marvelled at those things which were spoken by him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this One is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against <sup>35</sup>(yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also), so that *the* thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of *the* tribe of Asher. She was advanced in many days, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity. <sup>37</sup>And she was a widow eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, serving *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup>And she coming in at that instant gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those in Jerusalem eagerly expecting redemption. <sup>39</sup>And when they had finished all things according to the Law of *the* Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was on Him.

<sup>41</sup>And His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when He was twelve years *old*, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast. <sup>43</sup>And fulfilling the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know. <sup>44</sup>But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey. And they looked for Him among the kinsfolk and acquaintances. <sup>45</sup>And when they did not find Him, they turned back to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

<sup>46</sup>And it happened that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in *the* midst of the teachers, both hearing them and questioning them. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup>And seeing Him, they were amazed. And His mother said to Him, Child, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have looked for you, greatly distressed. <sup>49</sup>And He said to them, Why did you look for Me? Do you not know that I must be *about* My Father's *business*? <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the word which He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And He went with them and came to Nazareth, and *He* was subject to them. But His mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And in *the* fifteenth year of the government of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and *the* Trachonitus country, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene — <sup>2</sup>Annas and Caiaphas being *the* high priests — *the* word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he came into all the country around Jordan, proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in *the* book of *the* words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, "*The* voice of *one* crying in *the* wilderness, prepare the way of *the* Lord, make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth. <sup>6</sup>And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to the crowd that came forth to be baptized by him, O generation of vipers! Who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Therefore bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham for *our* father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>9</sup>And now also the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and

cast into the fire. <sup>10</sup>And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, *He* who has two coats, let him give to him who has none. And *he* who has food, let him do likewise.

<sup>12</sup>And tax-collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, Teacher, what shall we do? <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, Continue to do no more than that commanded to you. <sup>14</sup>And the soldiers also asked of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said to them, Do not oppress anyone, nor accuse *any* falsely. And be content with your wages.

<sup>15</sup>And as the people *were* in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts concerning John, lest perhaps he was the Christ or not, <sup>16</sup>John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I comes, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to loose. He shall baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit and with fire, <sup>17</sup>whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor and will gather the wheat into His storehouse. But He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.

<sup>18</sup>And then indeed exhorting many things, he proclaimed the gospel to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch (being reproved by him on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all *the* evils which Herod had done) <sup>20</sup>added still this above all, that he even shut John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup>And it happened in the baptizing of all the people, Jesus also being baptized, and praying, and the heaven was opened. <sup>22</sup>And the Holy Spirit came down in a bodily shape, like a dove on Him. And a voice came from Heaven, which said, You *are* My Son, the Beloved; I am delighted in You.

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus Himself was beginning to be about thirty years of *age*, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the *son* of Heli, <sup>24</sup>the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi, the *son* of Melchi, the *son* of Janna, the *son* of Joseph, <sup>25</sup>the *son* of Mattathias, the *son* of Amos, the *son* of Nahum, the *son* of Esli, the *son* of Naggai, <sup>26</sup>the *son* of Maath, the *son* of Mattathias, the *son* of Semei, the *son* of Joseph, the *son* of Juda, <sup>27</sup>the *son* of Joanna, the *son* of Rhesa, the *son* of Zerubbabel, the *son* of Shealtiel, the *son* of Neri, <sup>28</sup>the *son* of Melchi, the *son* of Addi, the *son* of Cosam, the *son* of Elmodam, the *son* of Er, <sup>29</sup>the *son* of Joses, the *son* of Eliezer, the *son* of Jorum, the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi, <sup>30</sup>the *son* of Simeon, the *son* of Juda, the *son* of Joseph, the *son* of Jonan, the *son* of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup>the *son* of Melea, the *son* of Menan, the *son* of Mattatha, the *son* of Nathan, the *son* of David, <sup>32</sup>the *son* of Jesse, the *son* of Obed, the *son* of Boaz, the *son* of Salma, the *son* of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup>the *son* of Amminadab, the *son* of Ram, the *son* of Hezron, the *son* of Pharez, the *son* of Judah, <sup>34</sup>the *son* of Jacob, the *son* of Isaac, the *son* of Abraham, the *son* of Terah, the *son* of Nahor, <sup>35</sup>the *son* of Serug, the *son* of Reu, the *son* of Peleg, the *son* of Eber, the *son* of Shelah, <sup>36</sup>the *son* of Cainan, the *son* of Arphaxad, the *son* of Shem, the *son* of Noah, the *son* of Lamech, <sup>37</sup>the *son* of Methuselah, the *son* of Enoch, the *son* of Jared, the *son* of Mahalaleel, the *son* of Cainan, <sup>38</sup>the *son* of Enos, the *son* of Seth, the *son* of Adam, the *son* of God.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus, full of *the* Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness <sup>2</sup>forty days, being tempted by the Devil. And in those days He ate nothing. And they being ended, He afterward was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the Devil said to Him, If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone that it might become bread. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." <sup>5</sup>And the Devil, leading Him up into a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup>And the Devil said to Him, All this power I will give you, and the glory of

them; for it has been delivered to me. And I give it to whomever I will. <sup>7</sup>Therefore if you will worship me, all shall be yours. <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

<sup>9</sup>And he brought Him to Jerusalem and sat Him on a pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written, "He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You; <sup>11</sup>and in *their* hands they shall bear You up, lest at any time You dash Your foot against a stone." <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answering said to him, It has been said, "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." <sup>13</sup>And when the Devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.

<sup>14</sup>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. And a report went out throughout all the neighborhood concerning Him. <sup>15</sup>And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup>And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And, as His custom was, He went in to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And *the* book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup>"*The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*" <sup>20</sup>And rolling up the book, returning it to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on Him. <sup>21</sup>And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears. <sup>22</sup>And all bore witness to Him and wondered at the gracious words which came out of His mouth. And they said, Is this not Joseph's son?

<sup>23</sup>And He said to them, You will surely say this proverb to Me, Physician, heal yourself. Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in your native-place. <sup>24</sup>And He said, Truly I say to you, No prophet is accepted in his native-place. <sup>25</sup>But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land. <sup>26</sup>But Elijah was not sent to any of them, except to Sarepta, a city of Sidon, to a woman, a widow. <sup>27</sup>And many lepers were in Israel in the *time* of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.

<sup>28</sup>And hearing these things in the synagogue, all were filled *with* wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and thrust Him outside city, and led Him up to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, in order to throw Him down. <sup>30</sup>But passing through the midst of them, He went away.

<sup>31</sup>And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them *on* the sabbath days. <sup>32</sup>And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon and cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>saying, Let us alone! What is to us and to You, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God. <sup>35</sup>And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and come out of him! And when the demon had thrown him into the midst, he came out of him, not harming him. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, What a word is this! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out. <sup>37</sup>And a report about Him went out into every place of the neighborhood.

<sup>38</sup>And rising up from the synagogue, He entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was being seized with a great fever. And they asked Him

for her. <sup>39</sup>And standing over her, He rebuked the fever. And it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

<sup>40</sup>And the sun sinking, all, as many as had sick ones with different kinds of diseases brought them to Him. And laying hands on each of them, He healed them. <sup>41</sup>And also demons came out of many, crying out and saying, You are the Christ, the Son of God! And rebuking *them*, He did not allow them to speak; for they knew Him to be the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>And day coming on, going out, He went into a desert place. And the crowds looked for Him and came to Him, and held Him fast, not to pass away from them.

<sup>43</sup>And He said to them, I must proclaim the gospel, the kingdom of God, to other cities, because I was sent on this *mission*, <sup>44</sup>And He proclaimed in the synagogues of Galilee.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And it happened that the crowd pressed on Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret. <sup>2</sup>And He saw two boats standing by the lake. But the fishermen had left them and were washing *their* nets. <sup>3</sup>And *He* entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people out of the boat. <sup>4</sup>And as He stopped speaking, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep and let your nets down for a haul. <sup>5</sup>And answering, Simon said to Him, Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing. Yet at Your word I will let down the net. <sup>6</sup>And doing this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish. And their net was being torn. <sup>7</sup>And they signaled the partners, those in the other boat, that they should come *and* help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they were sinking. <sup>8</sup>And seeing, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord. <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the haul of fish which they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, *the* sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not fear, from now on you will be taking men. <sup>11</sup>And bringing their boats onto land, forsaking all things, they followed Him.

<sup>12</sup>And it happened, as He was in a certain city, behold, a man full of leprosy! And seeing Jesus, he fell on *his* face and begged Him, saying, Lord, if You will, You can cleanse me. <sup>13</sup>And stretching out the hand, He touched him, saying, I will! Be clean! And immediately the leprosy departed from him. <sup>14</sup>And He commanded Him, Tell no one, but go and show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

<sup>15</sup>But the word about Him spread even more. And great crowds were coming to hear, and to be healed from their infirmities by Him. <sup>16</sup>But He was drawing back in the wilderness, and praying.

<sup>17</sup>And it happened on one of the days, even He was teaching. And Pharisees and teachers of *the* Law were sitting by, who had come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem. And *the* power of *the* Lord was there, for the curing of *them*. <sup>18</sup>And behold, men carrying, on a cot, a man who was paralyzed. And they sought to bring him in and to lay *him* before Him. <sup>19</sup>And not finding a way by which they might bring him in through the crowd, going up on the housetop, they let him down through the tiles with his cot into the midst, before Jesus. <sup>20</sup>And seeing their faith, He said to him, Man, your sins are forgiven you. <sup>21</sup>And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, except God alone? <sup>22</sup>But knowing their thoughts, answering, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you; or to say, Rise up and walk?

<sup>24</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralytic, I say to you, Arise, and take up your cot *and* go to your house. <sup>25</sup>And immediately he rose up before them and took up *that* on which he lay. And he departed to his own house, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled *with* fear, saying, We saw wonderful things today.

<sup>27</sup>And after these things He went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax-office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me. <sup>28</sup>And leaving all, he rose up and followed Him. <sup>29</sup>And Levi made a great feast in his own house for Him. And there was a great company of tax-collectors and of others who were reclining with them. <sup>30</sup>But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against His disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners? <sup>31</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, Those who are sound do not need a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.

<sup>33</sup>And they said to Him, Why do John's disciples fast often and make prayers, and also *the disciples* of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink? <sup>34</sup>But He said to them, Can you make the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? <sup>35</sup>But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast in those days.

<sup>36</sup>And He also spoke a parable to them: No one puts a piece of a new garment on an old garment. Otherwise, both the new will tear, and the old does not match the piece from the new. <sup>37</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskin will perish. <sup>38</sup>But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved together. <sup>39</sup>Also no one having drunk old *wine* immediately desires new, for he says, The old is better.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And it happened on the second chief sabbath, He went through the grain fields. And His disciples plucked the ears of grain and ate, rubbing *them* in *their* hands. <sup>2</sup>And certain of the Pharisees said to them, Why do you do that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days? <sup>3</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, Have you not read this, what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him; <sup>4</sup>how he went into the house of God and took the showbread, and ate (and also gave to those who were with him) which it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests alone? <sup>5</sup>And He said to them, The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

<sup>6</sup>And it happened, also on another sabbath, that He entered into the synagogue and taught. And there was a man whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>And the scribes and Pharisees watched him *to see* if He would heal on the sabbath day, so that they might find an accusation against Him. <sup>8</sup>But He knew their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered hand, Rise up and stand in the middle. And he arose and stood. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, I will ask you one *thing*: Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil, to save life, or to destroy *it*? <sup>10</sup>And looking around on them all, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he did so. And his hand was restored whole like the other. <sup>11</sup>And they were filled *with* madness, and talked with one another *as to* what they might do to Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>And it happened in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray, and He was spending the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when it was day, He called His disciples. And He chose twelve of them, whom He also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; <sup>15</sup>Matthew and Thomas; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and

Simon who was called Zelotes; <sup>16</sup>Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, who also became the betrayer.

<sup>17</sup>And coming down with them, He stood on a level place. And a crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon (who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases) were there; <sup>18</sup>also those tormented by unclean spirits; and they were healed. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power went out of Him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And lifting up His eyes to His disciples, He said, Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall cut you off, and when they shall reproach you and shall cast out your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy. For behold, your reward is great in Heaven. For so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich! For you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are full! For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now! For you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all men shall speak well of you! For so their fathers did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you. <sup>29</sup>And to him who strikes you on the one cheek, also offer the other. And to him who takes away your garment, do not forbid your tunic also. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks of you, and from him who takes away your goods, do not ask them again. <sup>31</sup>And as you desire that men should do to you, you do also to them likewise. <sup>32</sup>For if you love those who love you, what thanks do you have? For sinners also love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks do you have? For sinners also do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive, what thanks do you have? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return. And your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest. For He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. <sup>36</sup>Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it shall be given to you, good measure pressed down and shaken together and running over, they shall give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you measure, it shall be measured to you again.

<sup>39</sup>And He spoke a parable to them: Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup>The disciple is not above his master, but everyone who is perfect shall be like his master. <sup>41</sup>And why do you look at the splinter that is in your brother's eye, but do not see the beam that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, let me pull out the splinter in your eye, when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First cast out the beam out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. <sup>43</sup>For a good tree does not bring forth corrupt fruit, neither does a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. <sup>44</sup>For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good. And an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

<sup>46</sup>And why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do the things which I say? <sup>47</sup>Whosoever comes to Me and hears My words, and does them, I will show you to whom he is like. <sup>48</sup>He is like a man who built a house and dug deep and laid the foundation on a rock; and a flood occurring, the stream burst against that house and could not shake it; for it was founded on a rock. <sup>49</sup>But he who hears and does not perform, is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, on which the stream burst, and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And when He had ended all His words in the ears of the people, He entered into Capernaum.

<sup>2</sup>And a certain servant of a centurion *who was* dear to him, was sick and ready to die. <sup>3</sup>And when he heard of Jesus, he sent the elders of the Jews to Him, begging Him that He would come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>And coming to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that he was worthy, he for whom He should do this; <sup>5</sup>for, they said, He loves our nation, and he has built us a synagogue. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus went with them. But He being yet not far off from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, Lord, do not trouble Yourself. For I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. <sup>7</sup>Therefore neither did I think myself worthy to come to You; but say a word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. <sup>9</sup>And hearing these things, Jesus marvelled at him. And turning to the crowd following Him, He said, I say to you, I have not found such faith, no, not in Israel. <sup>10</sup>And they who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick. <sup>11</sup>And it happened on the next *day*, He went into a city called Nain. And many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. <sup>12</sup>And drawing near the gate of the city, even behold, *one* having died was being carried out, an only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable crowd of the city was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep. <sup>14</sup>And He came and touched the bier. And the ones who bore *him* stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, Arise! <sup>15</sup>And the one who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>And fear came on all. And they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has risen up among us; and, God has visited His people. <sup>17</sup>And this report of Him went out in all Judea, and in all the neighborhood.

<sup>18</sup>And his disciples reported all these things to John. <sup>19</sup>And John, calling near a certain two of his disciples, sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Are You He that should come, or do we look for another? <sup>20</sup>And coming to Him, the men said, John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, Are You He who should come, or do we look for another? <sup>21</sup>And in the same hour He cured many of infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits. And He gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, Go and tell John what you have seen and heard; that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is *he* who shall not be offended in Me.

<sup>24</sup>And when the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the people concerning John. What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? <sup>25</sup>But what did you go out to see? A man clothed with soft clothing? Behold, those in splendid clothing and being in luxury are in kings' palaces. <sup>26</sup>But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much



more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You." <sup>28</sup>For I say to you, Among *those* who are born of woman there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist. But *he who* is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. <sup>29</sup>And all the people and the tax-collectors who heard Him justified God, being baptized *with* the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, not being baptized by him. <sup>31</sup>And the Lord said, To what then shall I liken the men of this generation? And to what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in a market and calling to one another, and saying, We have piped to you, and you have not danced; we have mourned to you, and you did not weep. <sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon. <sup>34</sup>The Son of man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners! <sup>35</sup>But wisdom has been justified by all her children.

<sup>36</sup>And one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And going into the Pharisee's house, He reclined. <sup>37</sup>And behold, a woman, a sinner in the city, knowing that He reclined in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster vial of ointment. <sup>38</sup>And she stood behind *Him*, weeping at His feet, and she began to wash His feet with tears and wipe them with the hair of her head. And *she* ardently kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>But seeing *this*, the Pharisee who had invited Him, spoke within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what kind of woman *this is* who touches him, for she is a sinner. <sup>40</sup>And answering, Jesus said to him, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, Teacher, speak.

<sup>41</sup>There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and *the* other fifty. <sup>42</sup>And they having nothing to pay, he freely forgave both. Then which of them *do you* say will love him most? <sup>43</sup>And answering, Simon said, I suppose *that one* to whom he forgave most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly. <sup>44</sup>And He turned to the woman and said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, yet you gave Me no water for My feet. But she has washed My feet with tears, and has wiped *them* with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup>You gave Me no kiss, but this woman, *since* the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore I say to you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little. <sup>48</sup>And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven. <sup>49</sup>And those reclining with *Him* began to say within themselves, Who is this who even forgives sins? <sup>50</sup>And He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you, go in peace.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And it happened afterwards, He traveled in every city and village, proclaiming and announcing the gospel of the kingdom of God. And the Twelve *were* with Him, <sup>2</sup>and also certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities; Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven demons, <sup>3</sup>and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to Him of their possessions.

<sup>4</sup>And a great crowd coming together, and those in each city coming to Him, He spoke by a parable:

<sup>5</sup>A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, the one fell by the roadside and was trampled; and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>And other fell on a rock, and sprouting, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup>And other fell amidst thorns, and springing up with the thorns, *they* choked it. <sup>8</sup>And other fell

on good ground and sprang up, and bore fruit a hundredfold. And when He had said these things, He cried, He who has ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>9</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be? <sup>10</sup>And He said, To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God. But to others I speak in parables, so that seeing they might not see and hearing they might not understand. <sup>11</sup>And the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>Those by the roadside are the ones who hear; then the Devil comes and takes the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rock are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. And these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup>And those which fell among thorns are the ones who, when they have heard, go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of life, and do not bear to maturity. <sup>15</sup>But those on the good ground are the ones who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.

<sup>16</sup>And no one lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed; but he sets it on a lampstand so that those who enter in may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is secret that shall not be revealed; nor secret which shall not be known and come to be revealed. <sup>18</sup>Therefore be careful how you hear. For whoever has, to him shall be given; and whoever has not, from him shall be taken even that which he seems to have.

<sup>19</sup>And His mother and His brothers came to Him. And they could not come near Him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And it was told to Him by some, who said, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside desiring to see You. <sup>21</sup>And He answered and said to them, My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.

<sup>22</sup>And it happened on a certain day that He went into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake. And they put out to sea. <sup>23</sup>But as they sailed, He fell asleep. And a storm of wind came onto the lake. And they were filled with water and were in jeopardy. <sup>24</sup>And they came to Him and awakened Him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing! Then He rose up and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, Where is your faith? And being afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, What kind of man is this! For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!

<sup>26</sup>And they sailed down to the country of the Gadarenes, which is across from Galilee. <sup>27</sup>And He going out onto land, He met a certain man out of the city, who had had demons a long time, and put on no clothes, nor stayed in a house, but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, What is to me and to You, Jesus, Son of God the Most High? I beseech You, Do not torment me! <sup>29</sup>(For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had seized him. And he had been kept bound in chains and in fetters, and he broke the bands and was driven into the wilderness by the demons.) <sup>30</sup>And Jesus asked him, saying, What is your name? And he said, Legion; because many demons had entered into him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>And there was there a herd of many pigs feeding on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would allow them to enter into them. And He allowed them. <sup>33</sup>And coming out of the man, the demons entered into the pigs. And the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake and were choked. <sup>34</sup>And those feeding the pigs, and seeing the thing, fled. And leaving, they reported to the city and to the farms. <sup>35</sup>And they went out to see what had been done. And they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had departed sitting at the

feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Also those who saw *it* told them how the demon-possessed one was healed.

<sup>37</sup>And all the multitude of the neighborhood were seized with a great fear, and asked Him to depart from them. And entering into the boat, He returned. <sup>38</sup>And the man out of whom the demons had gone out begged Him, *desiring* to be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>Return to your own house and declare what great things God has done to you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout all the city what great things Jesus had done to him.

<sup>40</sup>And when Jesus had returned, the people received Him. For they were all waiting for Him. <sup>41</sup>And behold, a man named Jairus came, and he was a synagogue-ruler. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him that He would come into his house. <sup>42</sup>For he had an only daughter, about twelve years *of age*, and she lay dying. But as He went, the people thronged Him. <sup>43</sup>And a woman who had an issue of blood twelve years (who had spent all her living on physicians, *and could not be healed by any*) <sup>44</sup>came behind *Him* and touched the border of His garment. And instantly her issue of blood was stanch'd. <sup>45</sup>And Jesus said, Who touched Me? And all having denied, Peter and those with Him said, Master, the crowd presses and jostles You, and You say, Who touched Me? <sup>46</sup>And Jesus said, Someone has touched Me, for I know that power has gone out of Me. <sup>47</sup>And seeing that she was not hidden, the woman came trembling. And falling down before Him, she declared to Him before all the people why she had touched Him, and how she was instantly healed. <sup>48</sup>And He said to her, Daughter, be of good comfort. Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

<sup>49</sup>He was still speaking *when* someone came from the synagogue-ruler, saying to him, Your daughter is dead, do not trouble the Teacher. <sup>50</sup>But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered Him, saying, Do not fear, only believe and she shall be healed. <sup>51</sup>And coming into the house, He allowed no one to go in, except Peter and James and John, and the father and the mother of the girl. <sup>52</sup>And all were weeping and bewailing her. But He said, Do not weep; she has not died, but sleeps. <sup>53</sup>And they ridiculed, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup>And He put them all out. And He took her by the hand and called, saying, Little girl, arise! <sup>55</sup>And her spirit came again, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that *food* be given her. <sup>56</sup>And her parents were astonished. But He charged them that they should tell no one *the thing* that happened.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. <sup>2</sup>And *He* sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup>And He said to them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staffs, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money, nor each to have two coats. <sup>4</sup>And whatever house you enter into, abide there and depart from there. <sup>5</sup>And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. <sup>6</sup>And they departed and went through the towns, proclaiming the gospel and healing everywhere.

<sup>7</sup>And Herod the tetrarch heard of all the things happening by Him. And he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen *from the dead*; <sup>8</sup>and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets had risen again. <sup>9</sup>And Herod said, John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see Him.

<sup>10</sup>And returning, the apostles told Him all that they had done. And He took them and went aside privately into a desert place of a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>But knowing *this*, the crowds followed Him. And He received them and spoke to them

of the kingdom of God, and He healed those who had need of healing. <sup>12</sup>But the day began to wear away, and coming up the Twelve said to Him, Send the crowd away so that they may go into the villages and farms all around, and lodge, and get food. For we are here in a desert place. <sup>13</sup>But He said to them, You give them *something* to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people. <sup>14</sup>(For they were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, Make them recline by fifties in a company. <sup>15</sup>And they did so, and made them all recline. <sup>16</sup>And He took the five loaves and the two fish. And looking up to Heaven, He blessed them and broke, and He gave to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And they ate and were all filled. And there was taken up twelve handbaskets full of fragments of that left over to them.

<sup>18</sup>And it happened *as* He was alone praying, the disciples were with Him. And He asked them, saying, Whom do the crowds say that I am? <sup>19</sup>Answering, they said, John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elijah, and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again. <sup>20</sup>He said to them, But who do you say that I am? Answering, Peter said, The Christ of God. <sup>21</sup>And He strictly charged them and commanded to tell no one this, <sup>22</sup>saying, The Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. <sup>23</sup>And He said to all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever will save his life shall lose it, but whoever will lose his life for My sake, he shall save it. <sup>25</sup>For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses himself, or is cast away? <sup>26</sup>For whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, the Son of man shall be ashamed of him when He shall come in His own and in His Father's glory, and *that* of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup>But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God.

<sup>28</sup>And about eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James and went up into a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His clothing *was* dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep. But fully awakening, they saw His glory, and the two men who stood with Him. <sup>33</sup>And in their parting from Him, it happened that Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for *us* to be here. And let us make three tabernacles, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah; not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>And as he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. And they feared *as* they entered into the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, hear Him. <sup>36</sup>And *when* the voice occurred, Jesus was found alone. And they were silent, and told no one in those days anything which they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>And it happened on the next day, they coming down from the mountain, a huge crowd met Him. <sup>38</sup>And behold, a man cried aloud from the crowd, saying, Teacher, I beseech You, look on my son, for he is my only-born son. <sup>39</sup>And lo, a spirit takes him, and *he* suddenly cries out. And *it* throws him into convulsions, with foaming, and with pain departs from him, bruising him. <sup>40</sup>And I begged Your disciples to cast him out, and they could not. <sup>41</sup>And answering, Jesus said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here. <sup>42</sup>And as *he* was still coming, the demon violently convulsed and tore *him*. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child and delivered him again to his father. <sup>43</sup>And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But as all were marveling at all things which Jesus did, He said to His

disciples, <sup>44</sup>Let these words sink down into your ears. For the Son of man shall be betrayed into *the* hands of men. <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this thing, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it. And they feared to ask Him of this word.

<sup>46</sup>And an argument came in among them, who might be *the* greater of them. <sup>47</sup>And seeing the argument of their heart, Jesus took a child and set him beside Him. <sup>48</sup>And He said to them, Whoever shall receive this child in My name receives Me. And whoever shall receive Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all, he shall be great. <sup>49</sup>And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in Your name. And we forbade him, because he does not follow us. <sup>50</sup>And Jesus said to him, Do not forbid *him*, for *he* who is not against us is for us.

<sup>51</sup>And it happened in the fulfilling of the days of His taking up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And *He* sent messengers before His face. And they went and entered into a village of the Samaritans to make ready for Him. <sup>53</sup>And they did not receive Him, because His face was going toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And seeing, His disciples James and John said, Lord, do You desire *that* we command fire to come down from Heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did? <sup>55</sup>But He turned and rebuked them and said, You do not know what kind of spirit you are of. <sup>56</sup>For the Son of man has not come to destroy men's lives, but to save. And they went to another village.

<sup>57</sup>And it happened as they were going in the way, one said to Him, Lord, I will follow You wherever You go. <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay *His* head. <sup>59</sup>And He said to another, Follow Me! But he said, Lord, first allow me to go and bury my father. <sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God. <sup>61</sup>And another also said, Lord, I will follow You, but first allow me to take leave of those in my house. <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said to him, No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, And *He* sent them two and two before His face into every city and place where He was about to come. <sup>2</sup>Then He said to them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray *to* the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go! Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry neither purse nor bag nor shoes. And greet no one by the way. <sup>5</sup>And into whatever house you enter, first say, Peace to this house. <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest on it. If not, it shall return to you, <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking the things *shared* by them; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not move from house to house. <sup>8</sup>And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup>And heal the sick that are in it, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near you! <sup>10</sup>And into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, going out into the streets say, <sup>11</sup>Even the dust of your city which clings to us, we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near you. <sup>12</sup>But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. <sup>13</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which have been done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented a long while ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, which has been lifted up to Heaven, you shall be thrust down into hell. <sup>16</sup>The one hearing you hears Me, and

he who despises you despises Me; he who rejects you also rejects *Him* who sent Me.

<sup>17</sup>And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your name. <sup>18</sup>And He said to them, I saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightning. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I give to you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the authority of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Yet do not rejoice in this, that the *evil* spirits are subject to you, rather rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.

<sup>21</sup>In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* sophisticated and cunning, and have revealed them to babes. Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing before You. <sup>22</sup>All things are delivered to Me by My Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *he* to whom the Son will reveal *Him*. <sup>23</sup>And He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that you see. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard *them*.

<sup>25</sup>And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>26</sup>He said to him, What is written in the law? How do you read it? <sup>27</sup>And answering, he said, You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. <sup>28</sup>And He said to him, You have answered right, do this and you shall live. <sup>29</sup>But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? <sup>30</sup>And answering, Jesus said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among robbers, who stripped him of his clothing and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. <sup>31</sup>And by coincidence a certain priest came down that way and seeing him, he passed by on the opposite *side*. <sup>32</sup>And in the same way a Levite, also being at the place, coming and seeing *him*, he passed on the opposite *side*. <sup>33</sup>But a certain traveling Samaritan came upon him, and seeing him, *he* was filled with pity. <sup>34</sup>And coming near, *he* bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And going on the next day, he took out two denarii and gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, Take care of him. And whatever more you spend, when I come again I will repay you. <sup>36</sup>Then which of these three, do you think, was neighbor to him who fell among the robbers? <sup>37</sup>And he said, The *one* doing the *deed* of mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise.

<sup>38</sup>And as they went, it happened *that* He entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet *and* heard His word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was encumbered with much serving. And she came to Him and said, Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me. <sup>41</sup>And Jesus answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup>But one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And it happened *as* He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught His disciples. <sup>2</sup>And He said to them, When you pray, say:

Our Father, who *is* in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, as in Heaven, *so* also on the earth. <sup>3</sup>Give us day by day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

<sup>5</sup>And He said to them, which of you shall have a friend and shall go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has come from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him? <sup>7</sup>And he answering from inside say, Do not trouble me. The door is now shut and my children are in bed with me. I cannot rise and give to you. <sup>8</sup>I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him as many as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives. And *he* who seeks finds. And to *him* who knocks it shall be opened. *If* a son shall ask for bread of any of you who is a father, will he give him a stone? <sup>11</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a snake for a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he shall ask for an egg, will he give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give *the* Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

<sup>14</sup>And He was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it happened *as* the demon was going out, the dumb one spoke. And the people marvelled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, He casts out demons through Beelzebub the chief of the demons. <sup>16</sup>And others, tempting *Him*, sought a sign from Heaven from him. <sup>17</sup>But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. And a house *divided* against a house falls. <sup>18</sup>If Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? — because you say that I cast out demons through Beelzebub. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if I cast out demons with *the* finger of God, no doubt the kingdom of God has come on you.

<sup>21</sup>When the strong man, fully armed, guards his dwelling, his goods are in peace. <sup>22</sup>But when one stronger than he comes, *he* overcomes him. He takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and he distributes his arms. <sup>23</sup>*He* who is not with Me is against Me, and *he* who does not gather with Me scatters. <sup>24</sup>When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he walks through dry places seeking rest. And finding none, *he* says, I will return to my house from which I came out. <sup>25</sup>And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and decorated. <sup>26</sup>And he goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in, they dwell there. And the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

<sup>27</sup>And it happened *as* He spoke these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up *her* voice and said to Him, Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which You have sucked. <sup>28</sup>But He said, No; rather, blessed *are* they who hear the word of God and keep it.

<sup>29</sup>But the crowds pressing on *Him*, He began to say, This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

<sup>30</sup>For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also shall the Son of man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>*The* queen of the south shall rise up in the Judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them. For she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And behold, One greater than Solomon *is* here.

<sup>32</sup>The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And behold, One greater than Jonah *is* here.

<sup>33</sup>No one, when he has lighted a lamp, puts it in a secret place, or under a bushel, but on a lampstand, so that they who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup>The light of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is sound, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye* is evil, your body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup>Therefore if your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp enlightens you.

<sup>37</sup>And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. And He went in and reclined. <sup>38</sup>And when the Pharisee saw it, he was amazed that He had not first washed before dinner. <sup>39</sup>And the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and the platter clean, but your inward part is full of plunder and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>Fools! Did not He who made the outside also make the inside? <sup>41</sup>But give alms of such things as you have, and behold, all things are clean to you. <sup>42</sup>But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over judgment and the love of God. You ought to have done these, and not to leave the other undone. <sup>43</sup>Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues and greetings in the markets. <sup>44</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unseen tombs and the men walking above are not aware of them.

<sup>45</sup>And one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, Master, you reproach us also when you say this. <sup>46</sup>And He said, Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens grievous to be carried, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup>Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. <sup>48</sup>Truly you bear witness that you consent to the deeds of your fathers. For they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Therefore the wisdom of God also said, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute, <sup>50</sup>so that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the temple. Truly I say to you, It shall be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup>Woe to you, lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and you have hindered those who were entering in. <sup>53</sup>And as He said these things to them, the scribes and Pharisees began to be terribly angry, and to draw Him out concerning many things, <sup>54</sup>lying in ambush for Him, and seeking to catch something out of His mouth, so that they might accuse Him.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>In the meantime, when there had gathered together an innumerable crowd of people, so as to trample on one another, He began to say to His disciples first, Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, nor anything hidden that shall not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light. And that which you have spoken in the ear in secret rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. <sup>4</sup>And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you of whom you shall fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him.

<sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>8</sup>Also I say to you, Whoever shall confess Me before men, the Son of man also shall confess him



before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup>But he who denies Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup>And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him. But to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, *it shall not be forgiven.* <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you into the synagogues, and to magistrates and authorities, take no thought as to how or what thing you shall answer, or what you shall say. <sup>12</sup>For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what you ought to say.

<sup>13</sup>And one of the company said to Him, Master, speak to my brother that he should divide the inheritance with me. <sup>14</sup>And He said to him, Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you? <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, Watch and keep yourselves from covetousness. For a man's life is not in the abundance of the things which he possesses. <sup>16</sup>And He spoke a parable to them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. <sup>17</sup>And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room in which to store my fruits? <sup>18</sup>And he said, I will do this. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and I will store all my fruits and my goods there. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat drink *and* be merry. <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul shall be required of you, then whose shall be those things which you have prepared? <sup>21</sup>So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

<sup>22</sup>And He said to His disciples, Therefore I say to you, Be not anxious as to your life, what you shall eat; nor for the body, what you shall put on. <sup>23</sup>Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap, having neither storehouse nor barn, and God feeds them. How much more are you better than the birds? <sup>25</sup>And which of you *by* being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do that thing which *is* least, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow; they do not toil, they do not spin. And yet I say to you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If then God so clothes the grass (which today *is* in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven) how much more *will He clothe* you, O little-faiths? <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you shall eat, nor what you shall drink, and stop being in anxiety. <sup>30</sup>For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you have need of these things. <sup>31</sup>But rather seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell what you have and give alms. Make for yourselves purses which do not become old, an unfailing treasure in Heaven, where no thief comes nor moth corrupts. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. <sup>36</sup>And you yourselves *be* like men who wait for their lord, whenever he shall return from the wedding, so that when *he* comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup>Blessed *are* those servants whom the lord will find watching when *he* comes. Truly I say to you that he shall gird himself and make them recline; and coming up *he* will serve them. <sup>38</sup>And if he comes in the second watch, or comes in the third watch, and find *it* so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup>And know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through. <sup>40</sup>Therefore be ready also, for the Son of man comes at an hour when you think not.

<sup>41</sup>And Peter said to Him, Lord, do You speak this parable to us or also to all?

<sup>42</sup>And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his lord shall set over his houseservants, to give them *their portion* of food in due season?

<sup>43</sup>Blessed *is* that servant *when* his lord comes *and* finds *him* so doing. <sup>44</sup>Truly I say

to you that he will set him over all that he has.<sup>45</sup> But if that servant says in his heart, My lord delays his coming, and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to eat and drink and to be drunken,<sup>46</sup> the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect, and at an hour when he does not know. And *he* will cut him apart, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.<sup>47</sup> And that servant who knew his lord's will and did not prepare, nor did according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes.<sup>48</sup> But he not knowing, and doing *things* worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For to whomever much is given, of him much shall be required. And to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

<sup>49</sup>I have come to send fire on the earth. And what will I do if it is already kindled? <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed down until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you suppose that I have come to give peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on, there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. <sup>53</sup>The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and *the* daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

<sup>54</sup>And He also said to the crowd, When you see a cloud rise out of *the* west, immediately you say, There is a shower coming. And so it is. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blow, you say, There will be heat; and it occurs. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know to discern the face of the heaven and the earth, but how *is it* that you do not discern this time? <sup>57</sup>And why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?

<sup>58</sup>For as you go with your adversary to the judge, give pains in the way to be set free from him, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer cast you into the prison. <sup>59</sup>I tell you, you shall not depart from there until you have paid the very last lepton.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And some were present at the same time reporting to Him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, Do you suppose that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were sinners above all men who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

<sup>6</sup>He also spoke this parable: A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard. And he came and sought fruit on it, and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none. Cut it down, why does it encumber the ground? <sup>8</sup>And answering, he said to him, Lord, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and throw manure. <sup>9</sup>And if it bears fruit, *well*; and if not, then after that you shall cut it down.

<sup>10</sup>And He was teaching in *one of* the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bowed together and could in no way lift *herself* up. <sup>12</sup>And when Jesus saw her, He called and said to her, Woman, you are delivered from your infirmity. <sup>13</sup>And He laid *His* hands on her. And instantly she was made erect, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup>And answering, the synagogue ruler, being angry because Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, said to the crowd, There are six days in which it is right to work. Therefore in them come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. <sup>15</sup>And the

Lord answered him and said, Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the sabbath loosen his ox or ass from the stall and lead it away, to give it drink? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound, lo these eighteen years, be loosened from this bond on the Sabbath day? <sup>17</sup>And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed. And all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

<sup>18</sup>And He said, What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? <sup>19</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and threw into his garden. And it grew and became a great tree, and the birds of the air lodged in its branches. <sup>20</sup>And again He said, To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? <sup>21</sup>It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

<sup>22</sup>And He went through the cities and villages, teaching and progressing toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And one said to Him, Lord, *are* the ones being saved few? And He said to them, <sup>24</sup>Strive to enter in at the narrow gate. For I say to you, many will seek to enter in and shall not be able. <sup>25</sup>And once the master of the house has risen up and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us, and He shall answer and say to you, I do not know you; from where are you; <sup>26</sup>then you shall begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You have taught in our streets. <sup>27</sup>But He shall say, I tell you, I do not know you; from where are you? Depart from Me, all workers of unrighteousness! <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you will see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves being thrust out. <sup>29</sup>And they will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south, and will sit down in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, there are last ones which will be first, and there are first ones which will be last.

<sup>31</sup>The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying to Him, Go out and depart from here, for Herod will kill you. <sup>32</sup>And He said to them, You go and tell that fox, Behold, today and tomorrow, I cast out demons and I complete cures, and the third *day* I will be finished. <sup>33</sup>Yet I must walk today and tomorrow and the *day* following. For it cannot be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem. <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem! Jerusalem! the *one* killing the prophets, and stoning those having been sent to her; how often I desired to gather your children in the way a hen *gathers* her brood under the wings, and you did not desire it. <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is left to you desolate. And truly I say to you, You will not see Me until it come when you say, Blessed is *He* who comes in the name of the Lord.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And as He went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, it happened that they watched Him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a certain man was dropsical before Him. <sup>3</sup>And answering, Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath *day*? <sup>4</sup>And they were silent. And taking *him*, He healed him and let *him* go. <sup>5</sup>And He answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit and will not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day? <sup>6</sup>And they could not answer Him again as to these things.

<sup>7</sup>And He put forth a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose out the chief places, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>When you are invited by anyone to a wedding, do not recline in the highest place, lest a more honorable *man than* you may be invited by him. <sup>9</sup>And he who invited you and him shall come and say to you, Give place to this man; and you shall begin with shame to take the lowest

place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he *may* say to you, Friend, go up higher. Then glory shall be to you before those reclining with you. <sup>11</sup>For whoever exalts himself shall be abased, and *he* who humbles himself shall be exalted.

<sup>12</sup>And He also said to him who invited Him, When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends or your brothers, or your kinsmen, or your rich neighbors; lest they also invite you again, and a recompense be made to you. <sup>13</sup>But when you make a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you shall be blessed, for they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

<sup>15</sup>And one of those who reclined with *Him* heard these things, *and he* said to Him, Blessed *are* those eating bread in the kingdom of God. <sup>16</sup>And He said to him, A certain man made a great supper and invited many. <sup>17</sup>And he sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, Come, for all things are now ready. <sup>18</sup>And all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said to him, I have bought a piece of ground, I must go and see it. I beg you, have me excused. <sup>19</sup>And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I beg you, have me excused. <sup>20</sup>And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. <sup>21</sup>So that servant came and declared these things to his lord. And the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and the maimed, and the lame and the blind. <sup>22</sup>And the servant said, Lord, it is done as you have commanded, and still there is room. <sup>23</sup>And the lord said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I say to you that none of these men who were invited shall taste of my supper.

<sup>25</sup>And great crowds went with Him. And He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first *and* count the cost, whether he may have *enough* to finish it; <sup>29</sup>lest perhaps, after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish it, all who see it shall begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not first sit down *and* consult whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup>So then, everyone of you who does not forsake all his possessions, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its taste, with what shall it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup>It is not fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. *He* who has ears to hear, let him hear.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And all the tax-collectors and sinners drew near to Him in order to hear Him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receives sinners and eats with them.

<sup>3</sup>And He spoke this parable to them, saying, <sup>4</sup>What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after *that* which is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. <sup>7</sup>I say to you that likewise joy shall be in Heaven

over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one piece, does not light a candle and sweep the house, and seek carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls *her* friends and *her* neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. <sup>10</sup>Likewise I say to you, there is joy in the presence of God over one sinner who repents.

<sup>11</sup>And He said, A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that is coming to me. And he divided *his* living to them. <sup>13</sup>And not many days afterward, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country. And there *he* wasted his substance with riotous living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land. And he began to be in want. <sup>15</sup>And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country. And he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to fill his belly with the husks that the pigs ate, and no one gave to him. <sup>17</sup>And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father have loaves enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you <sup>19</sup>and am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father.

But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and am no more worthy to be called your son. <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, Bring the best robe and put it on him. And put a ring on his hand and shoes on *his* feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf here and kill it. And let us eat and be merry, <sup>24</sup>for this my son was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry. <sup>25</sup>And his elder son was in the field. And as he came and drew near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him safe and sound. <sup>28</sup>And he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and entreated him. <sup>29</sup>And answering he said to *his* father, Lo, these many years I have served you, neither did I transgress your commandment at any time. And yet you never gave me a kid so that I might make merry with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you have killed for him the fattened calf. <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And He also said to His disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a steward. And he was accused to him, that he had wasted his goods. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, How is it that I hear this of you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you may no longer be steward. <sup>3</sup>And the steward said within himself, What shall I do? For my lord is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig, I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I will do, so that when I am put out of the stewardship they may receive me into their houses. <sup>5</sup>So he called every one of his lord's debtors and said; to the first, How much do you owe my lord? <sup>6</sup>And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said to him, Take your bill and sit down quickly and write fifty. <sup>7</sup>And he said to another, And how much do you owe? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he said to him, Take your bill and write eighty. <sup>8</sup>And the unjust steward's lord commended him because he

had done wisely. For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I say to you, Make friends by the mammon of unrighteousness for yourselves, so that when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. <sup>10</sup>He who is faithful in *that which is* least is also faithful in much. And he who is unjust in *the* least is also unjust in much. <sup>11</sup>Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit the true riches to your trust? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that *which is* your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

<sup>14</sup>And being money-lovers, all the Pharisees also heard all these things. And they derided Him. <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. <sup>16</sup>The law and the prophets *were* until John. Since that time the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone is pressing into it. <sup>17</sup>And it is easier *for* the heaven and earth to pass than for one tittle of the law to fail.

<sup>18</sup>Everyone putting away his wife and marrying another commits adultery; and everyone marrying her who is put away from *her* husband commits adultery.

<sup>19</sup>There was a certain rich man who *was* clothed in purple and fine linen and making merry in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores <sup>21</sup>and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. But even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>And it happened that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup>And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame. <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things. But now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, there is a great chasm fixed between you and us; so that they desiring to pass from here to you cannot, nor can they pass over to us who *desire to come* from there. <sup>27</sup>And he said, I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers, so that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment. <sup>29</sup>Abraham says to him, They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. <sup>30</sup>And he said, No, father Abraham, but if one should go to them from *the* dead, they would repent. <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded, even though one rose from *the* dead.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And He said to the disciples, It is impossible but that offenses will come. But woe *to him* through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It were better for him that a millstone were hanged around his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

<sup>3</sup>Take heed to yourselves. If your brother trespasses against you, rebuke him. And if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup>And if he trespasses against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turns again to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him. <sup>5</sup>And the apostles said to the Lord, Give us more faith. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say to this sycamine tree, Be plucked up by the roots and be planted in the sea! And it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>But which of you who has a servant plowing or feeding will say *to him*

immediately after he has come from the field, Come, recline? <sup>8</sup>Will you not rather say to him, Make ready that which I may eat, and gird yourself and serve me until I eat and drink. And afterward you shall eat and drink. <sup>9</sup>Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. <sup>10</sup>So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants, for we have done that which was our duty to do.

<sup>11</sup>And as He went to Jerusalem, it happened that he went through *the* midst of Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as He entered into a certain village, ten leprous men met Him, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup>And they lifted up *their* voice and said, Jesus, Master, pity us! <sup>14</sup>And seeing *them*, He said to them, Go show yourselves to the priests. And it happened, as they went, that they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and glorified God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>And *he* fell down on *his* face at His feet, thanking Him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>And answering, Jesus said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Were none found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? <sup>19</sup>And He said to him, Rise and go, your faith has cured you.

<sup>20</sup>And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation. <sup>21</sup>Nor shall they say, Lo here! or, behold, there! For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.

<sup>22</sup>And He said to the disciples, The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you shall not see it. <sup>23</sup>And they shall say to you, Lo, here! or, behold, there! Do not go away, nor follow. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning which lights up, flashing from the *one part* under heaven, shines to the *other part* under heaven, so also shall the Son of man be in His day. <sup>25</sup>But first He must suffer many things and be rejected of this generation. <sup>26</sup>And as it was in the days of Noah, so it also shall be in the days of the Son of man. <sup>27</sup>They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until *the* day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>So also as it was in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup>but *the same* day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven and destroyed *them* all. <sup>30</sup>Even so it shall be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

<sup>31</sup>In that day *he* who shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And in the same way, he who is in the field, let him not return to the things behind. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot's wife. <sup>33</sup>Whoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it, and whoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. <sup>34</sup>I tell you, in that night there shall be two in one bed, the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. <sup>35</sup>Two shall be grinding together, one will be taken, and the other left. <sup>36</sup>Two shall be in the field, one will be taken, and the other left. <sup>37</sup>And they answered and said to Him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And He also spoke a parable to them to *teach* it is always right to pray, and not to faint, <sup>2</sup>saying, A certain judge was in a certain city, not fearing God, nor respecting man. <sup>3</sup>And a widow was in that city. And she came to Him, saying, Avenge me of my adversary. <sup>4</sup>And he would not do so for a time. But afterward he said within himself, Though I do not fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And shall not God avenge His own elect who cry day and night to Him, though He is patient over

them? <sup>8</sup>I say to you that He will avenge them speedily. Yet when the Son of man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?

<sup>9</sup>And He spoke this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves, that they were righteous, and despised others:

<sup>10</sup>Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood and prayed within himself in this way: God, I thank You that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice *in* the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. <sup>13</sup>And standing afar off, the tax-collector would not even lift up *his eyes* to Heaven, but struck on his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner! <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other. For everyone who exalts himself shall be abased, and *he* who humbles himself shall be exalted.

<sup>15</sup>And they also brought infants to Him, that He might touch them. But when the disciples saw *it, they*, rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them and said, Allow the little children to come to Me, and forbid them not. For of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly I say to you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no way enter into it.

<sup>18</sup>And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? None *is* good except One, God. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and your mother. <sup>21</sup>And he said, I have kept all these from my youth up. <sup>22</sup>And when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, Yet you lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to *the* poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me. <sup>23</sup>And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup>And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, He said, How hardly those having riches shall enter into the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>For it is easier *for* a camel to go through a needle's eye than *for* a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup>And the ones who heard *it* said, And who can be saved? <sup>27</sup>And He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

<sup>28</sup>And Peter said, Lo, we have left all and have followed You. <sup>29</sup>And He said to them, Truly I say to you, There is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup>who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the world to come everlasting life.

<sup>31</sup>And He took the Twelve and said to them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For He will be delivered to the nations and will be mocked and spit on. <sup>33</sup>And they will scourge *Him* and put Him to death, and the third day He will rise again. <sup>34</sup>And they did not understand any of these things. And this saying was hidden from them, nor did they know the things which were spoken.

<sup>35</sup>And *as* He came near Jericho, it happened that a certain blind man sat by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing the crowd pass by, he asked what it meant. <sup>37</sup>And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passed by. <sup>38</sup>And he cried, saying, Jesus, Son of David! Have mercy on me. <sup>39</sup>And they who were in front rebuked him that he should be quiet. But he cried so much the more, Son of David! Have mercy on me. <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup>saying, What do you desire that I should do to you? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, Receive your sight! Your faith has saved you. <sup>43</sup>And immediately he received



his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And *when they saw it*, all the people gave praise to God.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And going in, He passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup>And behold, *there was* a man named Zaccheus, who was a chief tax-collector. And he was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he sought to see Jesus, *to see* who He was. And he could not because of the press, because he was little in stature. <sup>4</sup>And he ran in front and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him. For He was to pass through that *way*. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him. And He said to him, Zaccheus! Hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house. <sup>6</sup>And hurrying he came down, and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And seeing, they all murmured, saying, He has gone in to stay with a sinful man. <sup>8</sup>And Zaccheus stood and said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor. And if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore *it* fourfold. <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, This day salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

<sup>11</sup>And as they heard these things, He added and spoke a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God was about to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup>Therefore He said, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and to return. <sup>13</sup>And He called his ten servants and delivered ten minas, and said to them, Trade until I come back. <sup>14</sup>But his citizens hated him. And they sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this one to reign over us. <sup>15</sup>And when he had received his kingdom and had returned, then it happened that he commanded these servants to be called to him; *the ones* to whom he had given the money; so that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. <sup>16</sup>And came the first, saying, Lord, your mina has gained ten minas. <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, Well done, good servant, because you have been faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities. <sup>18</sup>And the second came, saying, Lord, your mina has made five minas. <sup>19</sup>And he said the same to him, You be over five cities. <sup>20</sup>And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* your mina, which I have kept in a napkin. <sup>21</sup>For I feared you, because you are a harsh man. You take up what you did not lay down, and you reap what you did not sow. <sup>22</sup>And he said to him, I will judge you out of your own mouth, wicked servant! You knew that I was a harsh man, taking up what I had not laid down and reaping what I did not sow. <sup>23</sup>And why did you not give my money on the *bank* table, and coming I might have exacted it with interest? <sup>24</sup>And he said to those who stood by, Take the mina from him and give *it* to him who has ten minas. <sup>25</sup>And they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas. <sup>26</sup>For I say to you that to everyone who has, more will be given. And from *him* who has not, even that which he has will be taken from him. <sup>27</sup>But those who are my enemies, who did not desire that I should reign over them, bring *them* here and slay *them* before me.

<sup>28</sup>And saying these things, He went in front, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>And it happened as He drew near Bethphage and Bethany, toward the mount called *Mount* of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, Go into the village across from *you*, and having entered, you will find a colt tied up, on which no one of men has yet sat. Untie him and bring *him here*. <sup>31</sup>And if anyone asks you, Why are you untying *him*? You will say this to him, Because the Lord has need of him. <sup>32</sup>And going, those who were sent found as He had said to them. <sup>33</sup>And *as* they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, Why are you untying the colt? <sup>34</sup>And they said, The Lord has need of him. <sup>35</sup>And they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their garments on the colt. And they set Jesus on *it*. <sup>36</sup>And as He went, they

spread their clothes in the way.<sup>37</sup> And when He had come near, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all *the* mighty works which they had seen,<sup>38</sup> saying, Blessed is the King coming in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in *the* highest!<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, rebuke your disciples.<sup>40</sup> And He answered and said to them, I tell you that if these should be silent, the stones would *immediately* cry out.

<sup>41</sup>And as He drew near, He beheld the city and wept over it,<sup>42</sup> saying, If you had known, even you, even at least in this day of yours, the things *which are* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.<sup>43</sup> For the days will come on you that your enemies will raise up a rampart to you, and will surround you, and will keep you in on every side.<sup>44</sup> And they will tear you down, and your children within you, and will not leave a stone on a stone because you did not know the time of your visitation.

<sup>45</sup>And entering into the temple, He began to cast out those selling and buying in it,<sup>46</sup> saying to them, It is written, "My house is a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of thieves.<sup>47</sup> And He taught in the temple daily. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy Him.<sup>48</sup> And *they* could not find what they might do, for all the people were hanging on Him, listening.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And on one of those days, *as* He taught the people in the temple and proclaimed the gospel, it happened that the chief priests and the scribes along with the elders came on *Him*.<sup>2</sup> And they spoke to Him, saying, Tell us, by what authority do you do these things? Or who is he who gave you this authority?<sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, I will also ask you one thing, and you answer me:<sup>4</sup> The baptism of John, was it from Heaven or from men?<sup>5</sup> And they reasoned within themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him?<sup>6</sup> But if we say, From men, then all the people will stone us, for *they* are persuaded that John was a prophet.<sup>7</sup> And they answered that they could not tell from where *it was*.<sup>8</sup> And Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>9</sup>And He began to speak to the people this parable: A certain man planted a vineyard and let it out to vinedressers. And *he* went into a far country for a long *time*.<sup>10</sup> And in season he sent a servant to the vinedressers, so that they should give him his part of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty.<sup>11</sup> And again he sent another servant. And they also beat him and treated him shamefully, and sent *him* away empty.<sup>12</sup> And again he sent a third. And they also wounded him and cast *him* out.<sup>13</sup> And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be that they will respect *him* when *they* see him.<sup>14</sup> But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir! Come, let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.<sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed *him*. What then shall the lord of the vineyard do to them?<sup>16</sup> He shall come and destroy these vinedressers and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *this*, they said, Let it not be!<sup>17</sup> And He looked at them and said, What then is this which is written, "The Stone which the builders rejected, the same has become *the* Head of *the* corner?"<sup>18</sup> Whoever shall fall on that Stone shall be broken, but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

<sup>19</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him the same hour. And they feared the people, for they perceived that He had spoken this

parable against them. <sup>20</sup>And they watched and sent forth spies, pretending themselves to be righteous men, so that they might seize upon a word of His, that they might deliver Him in this way to the power and authority of the governor. <sup>21</sup>And they asked Him, saying, Teacher, we know that you say and teach rightly, and do not accept the person of anyone, but truly teach the way of God. <sup>22</sup>Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar or not? <sup>23</sup>But He perceived their craftiness and said to them, Why do you tempt Me? <sup>24</sup>Show Me a coin. Whose image and inscription does it have? They answered and said, Caesar's. <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, Therefore render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's. <sup>26</sup>And they could not take hold of His words before the people. And they marvelled at His answer and were silent.

<sup>27</sup>And certain of the Sadducees came, those speaking against a resurrection, *that it was* not to be. And they asked Him, <sup>28</sup>saying, Teacher, Moses wrote to us, If anyone's brother dies, having a wife, and if he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up seed to his brother. <sup>29</sup>Therefore there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second took her as a wife, and he died childless. <sup>31</sup>And the third took her. And in the same way the seven also took her. And they left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Last of all the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be? For the seven had her *as* a wife. <sup>34</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but they who shall be counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from *the* dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Nor can they die *any* more, for they are equal to the angels, and are the sons of God, being the sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And that the dead are raised, even Moses pointed out at the Bush, when he called *the* Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>For He is not a God of *the* dead, but of *the* living. For all live to Him. <sup>39</sup>And answering, certain of the scribes said, Teacher, you have spoken well. <sup>40</sup>And after that they did not dare ask Him anything.

<sup>41</sup>And He said to them, How do they say that Christ is the Son of David? <sup>42</sup>Even David himself says in *the* Book of Psalms, "The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right *hand*" <sup>43</sup>until I place Your enemies *as* Your footstool." <sup>44</sup>David then calls Him Lord; how then is He his son?

<sup>45</sup>And *as* all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, <sup>46</sup>Beware of the scribes who desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the first seats in the synagogues, and the chief places at the feasts; <sup>47</sup>who devour widows' houses, and make long prayers for a show; the same shall receive a more severe condemnation.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And looking up, He saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. <sup>2</sup>And He also saw a certain poor widow casting two lepta in there. <sup>3</sup>And He said, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has cast *in* more than all of them. <sup>4</sup>For all these have cast in to the offerings of God from their abundance, but out of her poverty she has cast *in* all the living she had.

<sup>5</sup>And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts, He said, <sup>6</sup>*As to* these things which you see, the day will come in which there shall not be left a stone on a stone, which shall not be thrown down.

<sup>7</sup>And they asked Him, saying, Teacher, but when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign when these things are about to take place? <sup>8</sup>And He said, Take heed that you are not deceived, for many shall come in My name, saying, I AM! Also, The time has come! Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>But when you hear of wars

and disturbances, do not be terrified, for all these things must first occur, but the end is not at once. <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>And great earthquakes shall be in different places, and famines and plagues. And there shall be terrors and great signs from Heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. <sup>13</sup>And it shall return to you for a testimony. <sup>14</sup>Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand what you shall answer. <sup>15</sup>For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. <sup>16</sup>And you shall be betrayed also by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends. And they will cause some of you to be put to death. <sup>17</sup>And you shall be hated by all for My name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But there shall not a hair of your head perish. <sup>19</sup>By your patience you will gain your souls.

<sup>20</sup>And when you see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that its destruction has come. <sup>21</sup>And let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. And those who are in its midst, let them go out. And those in the open spaces, let them not go into her. <sup>22</sup>For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. <sup>23</sup>But woe to those who are with child, and to those who give suck in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land and wrath on this people. <sup>24</sup>And they shall fall by the sword's edge. And shall be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the nations until the times of the nations is fulfilled. <sup>25</sup>And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars. And on the earth will be anxiety of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup>men fainting at heart from fear, and expecting those things which have come on the earth. For the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>And when these things begin to happen, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draws near.

<sup>29</sup>And He spoke a parable to them: Behold the fig-tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>Now when they sprout leaves, seeing it you will know that summer is now near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I say to you, This generation shall not pass away until all is fulfilled. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts are weighed down with headaches and drinking and anxieties of this life; and that day should suddenly come on you; <sup>35</sup>for it shall come as a snare on all those sitting on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Watch therefore, praying in every season that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things which shall occur, and to stand before the Son of man.

<sup>37</sup>And in the days He was teaching in the temple. And in the nights He went out, and lodged in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives. <sup>38</sup>And all the people came early in the morning to Him in the temple, in order to hear Him.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, drew near.

<sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

<sup>3</sup>And Satan entered into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>And going, he talked with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. <sup>5</sup>And they were glad and they agreed to give him silver. <sup>6</sup>And he fully consented, and he sought opportunity to betray Him to them, away from the crowd.

<sup>7</sup>And the day of the Unleavened *Bread* came, when the passover must be killed. <sup>8</sup>And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us, so that we may eat. <sup>9</sup>And they said to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare? <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, Behold, when you have entered into the city, you will meet a man bearing a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house where he enters. <sup>11</sup>And you shall say to the master of *the* house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I shall eat the passover with My disciples? <sup>12</sup>And he shall show you a large, furnished upper room. Prepare there. <sup>13</sup>And they went and found it as He had said to them. And they prepared the passover.

<sup>14</sup>And when the hour came, He and the twelve apostles with Him reclined. <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I say to you, I will not any more eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>And He took the cup and gave thanks and said, Take this and divide *it* among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come. <sup>19</sup>And He took bread and gave thanks, and He broke *it* and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of Me. <sup>20</sup>In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you. <sup>21</sup>But, behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. <sup>22</sup>And truly the Son of man goes, as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed! <sup>23</sup>And they began to inquire among themselves which of them it was that should do this thing.

<sup>24</sup>And there was also a dispute among them as to which of them seems to be greater. <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, The kings of the nations exercise lordship over them. And they who exercise authority on them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you *shall* not be so: but the greater among you, let him be as the lesser, and *he* who governs, as *one* who serves. <sup>27</sup>For which is the greater; he who reclines, or *he* who serves? *Is it* not *he* who reclines? But I am among you as *He* who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have continued with Me in My trials. <sup>29</sup>And I appoint a kingdom to you, as My Father has appointed to Me, <sup>30</sup>that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not. And when you are converted, strengthen your brothers. <sup>33</sup>And he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You, both into prison and into death. <sup>34</sup>And He said, I say to you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day before you shall deny knowing Me three times.

<sup>35</sup>And He said to them, When I sent you without purse and wallet and sandals, did you lack anything? And they said, Nothing. <sup>36</sup>And He said to them, But now, *he* who has a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his* wallet. And *he* who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy *one*. <sup>37</sup>For I say to you that this which is written must yet be accomplished in Me, "And he was reckoned among the transgressors"; for the things concerning Me have an end. <sup>38</sup>And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And He said to them, It is enough.

<sup>39</sup>And going out, according to *His* custom, He went to the Mount of Olives. And His disciples also followed Him. <sup>40</sup>And when He was at the place, He said to them, Pray that you *do* not enter into temptation. <sup>41</sup>And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw. And He kneeled down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done. <sup>43</sup>And an angel appeared to Him from Heaven, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>And when He rose up from

prayer and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping because of sorrow. <sup>46</sup>And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Rise and pray lest you enter into temptation.

<sup>47</sup>And as He was yet speaking, behold a crowd! And he who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, went before them. And he drew near Jesus to kiss Him. <sup>48</sup>But Jesus said to him, Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss? <sup>49</sup>And those around Him seeing what was about to occur, they said to him, Lord, shall we strike with the sword? <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus answered and said, Let it go until now. And touching his ear, He healed him.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to the chief priests, and the captains of the temple, and the elders, who had come to Him, Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and staves? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you in the temple daily, you did not stretch out your hand on Me. But this is your hour, and the authority of the darkness.

<sup>54</sup>And laying hold on Him, they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. <sup>55</sup>And lighting a fire in the middle of the court, and they sitting down, Peter sat in their midst. <sup>56</sup>But a certain girl saw him as he sat by the fire and earnestly looked on him and said, This man was with him also. <sup>57</sup>And he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. <sup>58</sup>And after a little while another saw him and said, You also are of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not! <sup>59</sup>And about an hour afterward, another confidently affirmed, saying, Truly this one was also with him, for he is a Galilean. <sup>60</sup>And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, while he still spoke, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned and looked on Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, Before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times. <sup>62</sup>And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup>And the men who held Jesus mocked Him, beating Him. <sup>64</sup>And blindfolding Him, they struck Him on His face. And they asked Him, saying, Prophesy! Who is it who struck you? <sup>65</sup>And they spoke many other things blasphemously against Him.

<sup>66</sup>And when day came, the body of elders of the people, and the chief priests and the scribes, came together. And they led Him into their council, saying, <sup>67</sup>Are you the Christ? Tell us. And He said to them, If I tell you, you will not believe. <sup>68</sup>Also if I ask you, you will not answer Me nor let Me go. <sup>69</sup>From now on the Son of man shall sit at the right hand of the power of God. <sup>70</sup>And they all said, Are you then the Son of God? And He said to them, You say it, because I AM! <sup>71</sup>And they said, What need do we have for any further witness? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And rising up, all the multitude of them led Him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse Him, saying, We have found this one perverting the nation and forbidding them to give tribute to Caesar, saying himself to be a king, Christ. <sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And He answered him and said, You say it. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate said to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. <sup>5</sup>And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place. <sup>6</sup>And hearing Galilee, Pilate asked if the man is a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And knowing that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself was also at Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup>And seeing Jesus, Herod greatly rejoiced, for he had desired to see Him for a long time, because he had heard many things about Him. And he hoped to see

some miracle done by Him. <sup>9</sup>And he questioned Him in many words, but He answered him nothing. <sup>10</sup>And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. <sup>11</sup>And humiliating Him with his guardsmen, and mocking Him by putting luxurious clothing around Him, Herod sent Him again to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And that same day Pilate and Herod became friends with one another, for before they were at enmity between themselves.

<sup>13</sup>And when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>Pilate said to them, You have brought this man to me as perverting the people. And behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no fault in this Man regarding those things of which you accuse Him; <sup>15</sup>no, nor even Herod, for I sent you to him, and lo, nothing worthy of death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup>Therefore I will chastise Him and release Him. <sup>17</sup>(For it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast.) <sup>18</sup>And they all cried out at once, saying, Away with this One! And release to us Barabbas <sup>19</sup>(who was thrown into prison because of a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder). <sup>20</sup>And Pilate, willing to release Jesus, spoke again to them. <sup>21</sup>But they cried, saying, Crucify! Crucify Him! <sup>22</sup>And he said to them the third time, Why? What evil has He done? I have found no cause of death in Him, therefore I will chastise Him and let Him go. <sup>23</sup>But they were urgent with loud voices, requesting that He might be crucified. And their voices and those of the chief priests prevailed.

<sup>24</sup>And Pilate gave judgment that their request should be granted. <sup>25</sup>And he released to them the one who had been thrown into prison for sedition and murder, for whom they had asked. But he delivered up Jesus to their will. <sup>26</sup>And as they led Him away, they laid hold on one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country. And they laid the cross on him, that he might carry it after Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>And a great multitude of people were following Him, and of women who also were bewailing and lamenting Him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them, Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never gave suck. <sup>30</sup>And they shall begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! And to the hills, Cover us! <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

<sup>32</sup>And two others, two criminals, were led with Him to be put to death. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified Him and the criminals there, one on the right, and one on the left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. And parting His clothing, they cast lots. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood watching. And also the rulers with them, scoffing, saying, He saved others, let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ, the chosen of God. <sup>36</sup>And the soldiers also mocked Him, and offering Him vinegar, <sup>37</sup>and saying, If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself. <sup>38</sup>And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup>And one of the hanged criminals blasphemed Him, saying, If you are Christ, save Yourself and us. <sup>40</sup>But answering, the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, since you are in the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly so, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this Man has done nothing amiss? <sup>42</sup>And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. <sup>43</sup>And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

<sup>44</sup>And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. <sup>45</sup>And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in the middle. <sup>46</sup>And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit. And when He had said this, He gave up the spirit.

<sup>47</sup>And when the centurion saw what had been done, he glorified God, saying, Truly this Man was righteous. <sup>48</sup>And all the crowd arriving together at this sight, beholding the things happening, struck their breasts *and* returned. <sup>49</sup>And all those known to Him stood at a distance; and *the* women, those accompanying Him from Galilee, *were* seeing these things.

<sup>50</sup>And behold, a man named Joseph, a councillor, a good man and a just one, <sup>51</sup>this one was not assenting to their counsel and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews; and he also himself waited for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This *man* went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>And he took it down and wrapped it in linen. And he laid it in a tomb that had been cut in the stone, in which no man had before been laid. <sup>54</sup>And that day was the Preparation, and the sabbath drew on. <sup>55</sup>And also women *were* following, who were accompanying Him out of Galilee, *who* watched the tomb, and how His body was placed. <sup>56</sup>And *they* returned and *they* prepared spices and ointment. And they rested *on* the sabbath day according to the commandment.

#### CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And *on* the first *day* of the week, while still very early, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And going in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>And *as* they *were* much perplexed about it, it happened that, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. <sup>5</sup>And as they were afraid, and bowed *their* faces down to the earth, they said to them, Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again? <sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words <sup>9</sup>and returned from the tomb and told all these things to the Eleven and to the rest. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and the rest with them, who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>And their words seemed to them like foolishness, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>And Peter arose and ran to the tomb, and stooping down he saw the linen lying alone. And *he* went away wondering to himself *at what* had happened.

<sup>13</sup>And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, *it* being about sixty furlongs from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And they talked to each other of all these things which had happened. <sup>15</sup>And *while* they talked and reasoned, it happened *that* Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were held *so that they* could not know Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, What words *are* these that you have with one another *as you* walk, and are so sad. <sup>18</sup>And one of them, whose name *was* Cleopas, answered and said to Him, *Are* you only a stranger in Jerusalem and have not known the things which have occurred there in these days? <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him *to be* condemned to death, and have crucified *Him*. <sup>21</sup>But we had trusted that He was the *One* who was about to redeem Israel. And besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done. <sup>22</sup>Yes, and also some of our women astounded us, having been early at the tomb; <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, *they* came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found *it even* as the women had said. But they did not see Him.



<sup>25</sup>And He said to them, O fools and slow of heart to believe all things that the prophets spoke! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory? <sup>27</sup>And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup>And they drew near the village where they were going. And He appeared to be going further. <sup>29</sup>But they constrained Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. And He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>And it happened as He reclined with them, taking the loaf, He blessed *it*, and breaking it, He gave to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. And He became invisible to them.

<sup>32</sup>And they said to one another, Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us by the way and while He opened the Scriptures to us? <sup>33</sup>And they rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem and found assembled the Eleven and those with them. <sup>34</sup>And they said, the Lord has indeed risen, and has appeared to Simon. <sup>35</sup>And they told what things *had happened* in the way, and how He had been known by them in breaking of the loaf.

<sup>36</sup>And as they spoke this, Jesus Himself stood in their midst, and said to them, Peace to you! <sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and filled with fear, *for* they thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Behold My hands and My feet, that I am He! Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see Me have. <sup>40</sup>And when *He* had spoken this, He showed them *His* hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe for joy, and wondered, He said to them, Have you any food here? <sup>42</sup>And they handed to Him a piece of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>And He took *it* and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>And He said to them, These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms about Me. <sup>45</sup>And He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>And *He* said to them, So it is written, and so it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and remission of sins *should* be proclaimed in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I send the promise of My father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.

<sup>50</sup>And He led them out as far as Bethany. And lifting up His hands, He blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And it happened as He blessed them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into Heaven. <sup>52</sup>And worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And *they* were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one *thing* came into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup>This one came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the Light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>He was the true Light; He enlightens every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to *His* own, and *His* own received Him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name — <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of *the* flesh, nor of *the* will of man, but were born of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth. <sup>15</sup>John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I spoke: He who comes after me has been before me, for He was preceding me. <sup>16</sup>And out of His fullness we all have received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law came through by Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has seen God at any time; the Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you? <sup>20</sup>And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, I am not the Christ. <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he says, I am not. Are you that prophet? And he answered, No. <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, Who are you so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say of yourself? <sup>23</sup>He said, I *am* “the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord,” as the prophet Isaiah said. <sup>24</sup>And they who were sent were from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>And they asked him and said, Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor that Prophet? <sup>26</sup>John answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but One stands among you whom you do not know — <sup>27</sup>He it is who, coming after me, who has been before me — of whom I am not worthy to loosen the latchet of His sandal. <sup>28</sup>These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day John sees Jesus coming to him and says, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is He of whom I said, After me comes a Man who has been before me, for He preceded me. <sup>31</sup>And I did not know him, but that He be revealed to Israel, therefore I have come baptizing with water. <sup>32</sup>And John bore record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abode on Him. <sup>33</sup>And I did not know Him, but *He* who sent me to baptize with water, that One said to me, Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining upon Him, He is the *One* who baptizes with *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>34</sup>And I saw and bore record that this is the Son of God.

<sup>35</sup>Again, the next day afterward, John stood with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he says, Behold the Lamb of God! <sup>37</sup>And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, What do you seek? They said to Him, Rabbi

(which is called, being translated Teacher), where do you live? <sup>39</sup>He says to them, Come and see. They came and saw where He lived, and stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup>And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus saw him, He said, You are Simon the son of Jonah — you shall be called Cephas (which translated is, A stone).

<sup>43</sup>The day after, Jesus desired to go forth into Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, Follow Me. <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the law and the prophets, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Nathanael said to him, Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and see. <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him and said of him, Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile! <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to Him, From where do You know me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you. <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered and said to Him, Rabbi, You are the King of Israel! <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these. <sup>51</sup>And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Hereafter you shall see Heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. And the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus and His disciples were both invited to the marriage. <sup>3</sup>And when they lacked wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come. <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it. <sup>6</sup>And there were six stone waterpots there, according to the purification of the Jews, each containing two or three measures each. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And He said to them, Now draw out and carry it to the governor of the feast. And they carried it.

<sup>9</sup>When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water which was made wine (and did not know where it was from, but the servants who drew the water knew), the governor of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup>And he said to him, Every man at the beginning sets forth good wine, and when men have drunk well, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now. <sup>11</sup>This beginning of miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. And it revealed His glory. And His disciples believed on Him.

<sup>12</sup>After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples. And they did not stay there many days. <sup>13</sup>And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, also the sheep and the oxen. And He poured out the money-changers' money and overthrew the tables. <sup>16</sup>And He said to those who sold doves, Take these things away from here. Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. <sup>17</sup>And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house has eaten Me up."

<sup>18</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do you show us, since you do these things? <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple and

in three days I will raise it up. <sup>20</sup>Then the Jews said, This temple was forty-six years building, and will you rear it up in three days? <sup>21</sup>But He spoke of the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup>Therefore when He had risen from *the* dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

<sup>23</sup>And as He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the miracles which He did. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men* <sup>25</sup>and did not need that anyone should testify of man. For He knew what was in man.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God — for no man can do these miracles which you do unless God is with him. <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born? <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. <sup>8</sup>The Spirit breathes where He desires, and you hear His voice, but you do not know from where He comes, and where He goes — so is everyone who is born of the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things be? <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what we know and testify what we have seen. And you do not receive our witness. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>And no one has ascended up to Heaven except He who came down from Heaven, the Son of man who is in Heaven. <sup>14</sup>But even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup>He who believes on Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But he who practices truth comes to the Light so that his deeds may be made known, that they have been worked in God.

<sup>22</sup>After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea. And *He* stayed there with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup>And John was also baptizing in Enon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. <sup>24</sup>For John had not yet been cast into prison. <sup>25</sup>Then a question from John's disciples arose with the Jews about purifying. <sup>26</sup>And they came to John and said to him, Rabbi, *He* who was with you beyond Jordan, to whom you bore witness, behold, He baptizes, and all come to Him! <sup>27</sup>And John answered and said, A man can receive nothing unless it is given to him from Heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves bear witness to me that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent

before Him. <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is *the* bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Then my joy is fulfilled. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease. <sup>31</sup>He who comes from above is above all; he who is from the earth is earthly and speaks from the earth. He who comes from Heaven is above all, <sup>32</sup>and what He has seen and heard, that He testifies, and no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup>He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. <sup>36</sup>He who believes on the Son has everlasting life, and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore when the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), <sup>3</sup>He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And it was necessary for Him to go through Samaria, <sup>5</sup>Then He came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>And Jacob's well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus upon the well. *It was about the sixth hour.*

<sup>7</sup>A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give me to drink. <sup>8</sup>(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, How do you, being a Jew, ask a drink of me, who am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews do not associate with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water. <sup>11</sup>The woman said to Him, Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. From where then do you have that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his children and his cattle? <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst — but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. <sup>15</sup>The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may not thirst nor come here to draw. <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband and come here. <sup>17</sup>The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have well said, I have no husband <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband. In that you spoke truly. <sup>19</sup>The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you shall neither worship the Father in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know, we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth — for the Father seeks such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup>God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. <sup>25</sup>The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ. When He has come, He will tell us all things. <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, I AM, He speaking to you.

<sup>27</sup>And upon this His disciples came and marveled that He talked with the woman. However, no one said, What do You seek, or why do You talk with her?

<sup>28</sup>The woman then left her waterpot and went into the city and said to the men,

<sup>29</sup>Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?

<sup>30</sup>And they went out of the city and came to Him.

<sup>31</sup>In the meantime His disciples were asking Him, saying, Master, eat. <sup>32</sup>But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know. <sup>33</sup>Therefore the disciples said to one another, No one brought Him *anything* to eat? <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, There are still four months and *then* the harvest comes? Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white to harvest already. <sup>36</sup>And he who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit to life eternal, so that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>And in this is the saying true, One sows and another reaps. <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that on which you bestowed no labor. Other men labored, and you have entered into their labor.

<sup>39</sup>And many of the Samaritans of that city believed upon Him because of the saying of the woman, who testified, He told me all that I ever did. <sup>40</sup>Then as the Samaritans had come to Him, they begged Him that He would stay with them. And He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of His own word. <sup>42</sup>And they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of your saying, for we have heard *Him* ourselves and know that this is truly the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

<sup>43</sup>And after two days He departed from there and went into Galilee. <sup>44</sup>For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in *his* own native-place. <sup>45</sup>Then when He had come into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did at Jerusalem at the feast — for they also went to the feast.

<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee, where He made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup>When He heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and begged Him that He would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe. <sup>49</sup>The nobleman said to Him, Sir, come down before my child dies. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, Go, your son lives. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went away. <sup>51</sup>And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, Your son lives. <sup>52</sup>Then he asked of them the hour when he began to get better. And they said to him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. <sup>53</sup>So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, Your son lives. And he himself believed, and his whole house. <sup>54</sup>This is the second miracle Jesus did, when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now there is a pool at the Sheep Gate at Jerusalem, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, of blind, lame, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. <sup>4</sup>For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and troubled the water. Then whoever first stepped in after the troubling of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had.

<sup>5</sup>And a certain man was there, who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying, and knowing that he had *spent* much time, He said to him, Do you desire to be made whole? <sup>7</sup>The infirm *man* answered Him, Sir, when the water is troubled, I have no one to put me into the pool. But while I am coming, another steps down before me. <sup>8</sup>Jesus says to him, Rise, take up your bed and walk. <sup>9</sup>And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked. And it was a sabbath on that day. <sup>10</sup>Therefore the Jews said to him who had been healed, It is not lawful for you to take up the bed. <sup>11</sup>He answered them, He who made me whole said to me, Take up your bed and walk. <sup>12</sup>Then

they asked him, Who is the man who said to you, Take up your bed and walk?<sup>13</sup> And he did not know Him who had cured him, for Jesus had moved away, a crowd being in the place.

<sup>14</sup>Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, Behold, you are made whole. Sin no more lest a worse thing come to you. <sup>15</sup>The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole. <sup>16</sup>And therefore the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the sabbath day. <sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, My Father works until now, and I work. <sup>18</sup>Then, because of this, the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but also said that God was His father, making Himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup>Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do. For whatever things He does, these also the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all the things that He Himself does. And He will show Him greater works than these, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup>For as the Father raises the dead and makes alive, even so the Son of man makes alive to whomever He will. <sup>22</sup>For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes on Him who sent Me has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life. <sup>25</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they who hear shall live. <sup>26</sup>For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have life within Himself, <sup>27</sup>and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is *the* Son of man. <sup>28</sup>Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice, <sup>29</sup>and shall come forth — those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

<sup>30</sup>I can do nothing of My own self. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me. <sup>31</sup>If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. <sup>32</sup>There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. <sup>33</sup>You sent to John, and he bore witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup>But I do not receive testimony from man, but these things I say so that you might be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was a burning and shining light, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. <sup>36</sup>But I have greater witness than that of John, for the works which the Father has given Me that I should finish them, the works which I do themselves witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. <sup>37</sup>And He sending Me, the Father Himself, has borne witness of Me. Neither have you heard His voice at any time nor seen His shape. <sup>38</sup>And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He has sent. <sup>39</sup>You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life. And they are the ones witnessing of Me, <sup>40</sup>and you will not come to Me that you might have life. <sup>41</sup>I do not receive honor from men. <sup>42</sup>But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup>I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me. If another shall come in *his* own name, him you will receive. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe, *you who* receive honor from one another and do not seek the honor that comes from God only? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father, there is *one* who accuses you, Moses, in whom you trust. <sup>46</sup>For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed Me, for he wrote of Me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My words?

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, the *Sea of Tiberias*. <sup>2</sup>And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on the sick ones. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus went up into a mountain and sat there with His disciples. <sup>4</sup>And the Passover was near, a feast of the Jews.

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and saw a great crowd come to Him. He said to Philip, Where shall we buy loaves so that these may eat? <sup>6</sup>And He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered Him, Loaves for two hundred denarii are not enough for them, that every one may take a little. <sup>8</sup>One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are these among so many? <sup>10</sup>And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. And there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand *in* number. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those who had sat down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

<sup>12</sup>And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing is lost. <sup>13</sup>Therefore they gathered and filled twelve hand-baskets with fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over to those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup>Then seeing the miracle that Jesus did, those men said, This is truly the Prophet, the *One* coming into the world. <sup>15</sup>Therefore when Jesus perceived that they would come and take Him by force, that they might make Him a king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain alone *by* Himself.

<sup>16</sup>And when evening had come, the disciples went down to the sea <sup>17</sup>and entered into a boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them. <sup>18</sup>And the sea rose up because of a great wind that blew. <sup>19</sup>Then having rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the ship. And they were afraid. <sup>20</sup>But He said to them, I AM! Do not be afraid. <sup>21</sup>Then they willingly received Him into the boat. And immediately the ship was at the land where they were going.

<sup>22</sup>The following day, the crowd standing on the other side of the sea had seen that there was no other little boat there except that one into which His disciples had entered, and when they saw that Jesus did not go with His disciples into the little boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone — <sup>23</sup>(however, other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they ate the bread, the Lord having given thanks) — <sup>24</sup>therefore, when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves also entered into the boats and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did you come here? <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, You seek Me not because you saw the miracles, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for that food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of man will give you. For God the Father sealed Him. <sup>28</sup>Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we might work the works of God?

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe on *Him* whom He has sent. <sup>30</sup>Therefore they said to Him, What sign do you show then, so that we may see and believe you? What do you work? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the desert, as it is written, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you that bread from Heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from Heaven.



<sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is He who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. <sup>34</sup>Then they said to him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. <sup>35</sup>And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes on Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you also have seen Me and do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and him who comes to Me I will in no way cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I came down from Heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. <sup>40</sup>And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him should have everlasting life. And I will raise him up at the last day.

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews murmured about Him, because He said, I am the bread which came down from Heaven. <sup>42</sup>And they said, Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How now does this One say, I have come down from Heaven? <sup>43</sup>Jesus therefore answered and said to them, Do not murmur with one another. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to Me unless the Father who has sent Me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught of God." Therefore everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to Me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God — He has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes on Me has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup>I am the Bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and died. <sup>50</sup>This is the Bread which comes down from Heaven, so that a man may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he shall live forever. And truly the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? <sup>53</sup>Then Jesus says to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves. <sup>54</sup>Whoever partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup>He who partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father has sent Me, and I live through the Father, so he who partakes of Me, even he shall live by Me. <sup>58</sup>This is the Bread which came down from Heaven — not as your fathers ate the manna, and died; he who partakes of this Bread shall live forever.

<sup>59</sup>He said these things in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>Then when they had heard, many of His disciples said, This is a hard saying, who can hear it? <sup>61</sup>But knowing in Himself that His disciples murmured about it, Jesus said to them, Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then *what* if you should see the Son of man going up where He was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit that makes alive, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from *the* beginning who they were who did not believe, and who was to betray Him. <sup>65</sup>And He said, Because of this I said to you that no one can come to Me unless it was given to him from My Father.

<sup>66</sup>From this *time* many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. <sup>67</sup>Then Jesus said to the Twelve, Will you also go away? <sup>68</sup>Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have *the* words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>And we have believed and have known that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? And one of you is a devil? <sup>71</sup>He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon — for it was he who was about to betray Him, being one of the Twelve.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus walked in Galilee, for He did not desire to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. <sup>2</sup>And the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near. <sup>3</sup>Therefore His brothers said to Him, Move away from here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see the works that You do. <sup>4</sup>For no one does anything in secret, while he himself seeks to be in public. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world. <sup>5</sup>For His brothers did not believe in Him. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>You go up to this feast, I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time is not yet fulfilled. <sup>9</sup>And saying He these things to them, He remained in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as in secret. <sup>11</sup>Then the Jews sought Him at the feast and said, Where is He? <sup>12</sup>And there was much murmuring among the crowd concerning Him, for some said, He is a good man; others said, No, but he deceives the crowd. <sup>13</sup>However, no one spoke openly of Him, because of the fear of the Jews.

<sup>14</sup>Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. <sup>15</sup>And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this man know letters, not being taught? <sup>16</sup>Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. <sup>17</sup>If anyone desires to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of God, or I speak from Myself. <sup>18</sup>He who speaks of himself seeks *his* own glory, but he who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. <sup>19</sup>Did not Moses give you the law? And yet not one of you keeps the law! Why do you seek to kill Me? <sup>20</sup>The crowd answered and said, You have a demon! Who seeks to kill you? <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, I have done one work, and you all marvel. <sup>22</sup>Because of this Moses gave you circumcision (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers,) and you circumcise a man on the sabbath day. <sup>23</sup>If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath day so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry at Me because I have made a man entirely sound on the sabbath day? <sup>24</sup>Do not judge according to sight, but judge righteous judgment.

<sup>25</sup>Then some of those from Jerusalem said, Is this not the one they seek to kill? <sup>26</sup>But lo, he speaks publicly, and they say nothing to him. Perhaps the rulers truly know that this is the Christ indeed? <sup>27</sup>However, we know this one, from where he is, but when Christ comes, no one knows from where He is.

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus cried in the temple as He taught, saying, You both know Me, and you know from where I come. And I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup>But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He has sent Me. <sup>30</sup>Then they sought to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him, because His hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup>And many of the crowd believed on Him, and said, When the Christ comes, will He do more miracles than these which this One has done?

<sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard that the crowd murmured such things concerning Him. And the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to seize Him. <sup>33</sup>Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while I am with you, and then I go to Him who sent Me. <sup>34</sup>You shall seek Me and shall not find Me. And where I am, you cannot come. <sup>35</sup>Then the Jews said among themselves, Where is he about to go that we shall not find him? Is he about to go to the Dispersion of the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What saying is this that He said, You shall seek Me and shall not find Me — and where I am, you cannot come?

<sup>37</sup>And in the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>He who believes on Me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup>(But He spoke this about the Spirit, which they who believed on Him should receive — for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.) <sup>40</sup>Then when they heard the Word, many of the people said, Truly this is the Prophet. <sup>41</sup>Others said, This is the Christ. But others said, Does the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup>Has the Scripture not said that Christ comes from the seed of David and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? <sup>43</sup>So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. <sup>44</sup>And some of them desired to seize Him, but no man laid hands on Him.

<sup>45</sup>Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, Why have you not brought him? <sup>46</sup>The officers answered, Never did any man speak as does this Man. <sup>47</sup>Then the Pharisees answered them, Are you also deceived? <sup>48</sup>Not any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? <sup>49</sup>But this crowd, not knowing the law, is cursed. <sup>50</sup>Nicodemus said to them, (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them), <sup>51</sup>Does our law judge the Man before it hears Him and knows what He does? <sup>52</sup>They answered and said to him, Are you also from Galilee? Search the scriptures and see that a prophet has not been raised out of Galilee.

<sup>53</sup>And they each went to his own house.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup>And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him. And He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup>And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman taken in adultery. And standing her in the midst, <sup>4</sup>they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup>Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned. You, then, what do you say? <sup>6</sup>They said this, tempting Him so that they might have reason to accuse Him. But bending down, Jesus wrote on the ground with His finger, not appearing to hear. <sup>7</sup>But as they continued to ask Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her. <sup>8</sup>And again bending down, He wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup>And hearing, and being convicted by conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the oldest, until the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

<sup>10</sup>And bending back up, and seeing no one but the woman, Jesus said to her, Woman, where are the ones who accused you? Did not one give judgment against you? <sup>11</sup>And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I give judgment. Go, and sin no more.

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke again to them, saying, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the Pharisees said to Him, You bear record concerning yourself, your witness is not true. <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, Though I bear record concerning Myself, My witness is true. For I know from where I came, and where I go. But you do not know from where I came, and where I go. <sup>15</sup>You judge after the flesh, I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me. <sup>17</sup>It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. <sup>18</sup>I am one who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness concerning Me. <sup>19</sup>Then they said to Him, Where is your father? Jesus said to them, You neither know Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. <sup>20</sup>Jesus spoke these words in the

treasury, as He taught in the Temple. And no man laid hands upon Him, for His hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus said again to them, I go away, and you shall seek Me and shall die in your sins. Where I go, you cannot come. <sup>22</sup>Then the Jews said, Will he kill himself? Because he says, Where I go you cannot come. <sup>23</sup>And He said to them, You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I said to you that you shall die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I AM, you shall die in your sins. <sup>25</sup>Then they said to Him, Who are you? And Jesus said to them, Even the same which I also say to you. <sup>26</sup>I have many things to say and to judge of you, but He who sent Me is true, and I speak to the world those things what I heard of Him. <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said to them, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am He and that I do nothing of Myself — but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. <sup>29</sup>And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things which please Him. <sup>30</sup>As He spoke these words, many believed upon Him.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who believed on Him, If you continue in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. <sup>33</sup>They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed and were never in bondage to anyone. How do you say, You will be made free? <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Whoever practices sin is the slave of sin. <sup>35</sup>And the slave does not abide in the house forever, but the Son abides forever. <sup>36</sup>Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I know that you are Abraham's seed, but you seek to kill Me because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you, then, do what you have seen with your father. <sup>39</sup>They answered and said to Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus answered them, If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup>But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth which I have heard of God — this Abraham did not do. <sup>41</sup>You do the deeds of your father. Then they said to Him, We are not born of fornication; we have one father — God. <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, If God were your father, you would love Me, for I went forth and came from God — for I did not come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand My words? Because you cannot hear My word. <sup>44</sup>You are of the Devil as father, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and did not abide in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup>And because I tell you the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup>Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup>He who is of God hears God's words. Therefore you do not hear them because you are not of God. <sup>48</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Do we not say well that you are a Samaritan and have a demon? <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup>And I do not seek My own glory, but there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, If a man keeps My saying, he shall never see death.

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets are dead, and you say, If a man keeps my saying, he shall never taste of death. <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets are dead — whom do you make yourself? <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing, it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup>Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I should say I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and I keep His word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and He saw and

was glad. <sup>57</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, You are not fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham? <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I AM!

<sup>59</sup>Then they took up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus hid Himself and went forth out of the temple, going through *the* midst of them, and passed on by.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And passing by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, Neither has this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day. Night comes when no man can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world. <sup>6</sup>And when He had spoken this, He spat on the ground and made clay from the spittle. And He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. <sup>7</sup>And He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which translated is Sent). Therefore he went away and washed and came away seeing. <sup>8</sup>Then the neighbors and those who had seen him before, that he was blind, said, Is this not he who was sitting and begging? <sup>9</sup>Some said, This is he. Others said, He is like him. He said, I am *he*. <sup>10</sup>Then they said to him, How were your eyes opened? <sup>11</sup>He answered and said, A man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. And going and washing, I received sight. <sup>12</sup>Then they said to him, Where is he? He said, I do not know.

<sup>13</sup>They brought him who once was blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup>And it was a sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said to them, He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see. <sup>16</sup>Therefore some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man, a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>They said to the blind man again, What do you say about him, for he has opened your eyes? He said, He is a prophet. <sup>18</sup>But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents. <sup>19</sup>And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see? <sup>20</sup>His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But by what means he now sees, we do not know. Or who has opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age, ask him. He will speak for himself. <sup>22</sup>His parents spoke these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, He is of age, ask him.

<sup>24</sup>Then a second time they called the man who was blind and said to him, Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner. <sup>25</sup>He answered and said, Whether He is a sinner or not, I do not know; one thing I do know, that being blind, now I see. <sup>26</sup>Then they said to him again, What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes? <sup>27</sup>He answered them, I have told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also desire to be His disciples? <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him and said, You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. <sup>29</sup>We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know from where this man is. <sup>30</sup>The man answered and said to them, Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know from where He is, and He has opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>But we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. <sup>32</sup>From everlasting it was not heard that anyone opened the eyes of one who

was born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this One were not of God, He could do nothing. <sup>34</sup>They answered and said to him, You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us? And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, He said to him, Do you believe on the Son of God? <sup>36</sup>And he answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him? <sup>37</sup>And Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him, and it is He who is speaking with you. <sup>38</sup>And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup>And Jesus said, I have come into this world for judgment, that they who do not see might see, and that they who see might be made blind. <sup>40</sup>And those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, Are we also blind? <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, We see. Therefore your sin remains.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter into the sheepfold by the door, but going up by another way, that one is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him. For they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>And they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. <sup>6</sup>Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what it was which He spoke to them.

<sup>7</sup>Then Jesus said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters in by Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away. And the wolf catches them and scatters the sheep. <sup>13</sup>The hireling flees, because he is a hireling and does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that *are* Mine, and I am known by those who *are* Mine. <sup>15</sup>Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep who are not of this fold. I must also lead those, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd. <sup>17</sup>Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I might take it again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down from Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. I have received this commandment from My Father.

<sup>19</sup>Then a division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup>And many of them said, He has a demon and is insane. Why do you hear him? <sup>21</sup>Others said, These are not words of one who has been possessed by a demon. A demon is not able to open *the* eyes of blind ones.

<sup>22</sup>And the *Feast* of Dedication took place at Jerusalem, and it was winter. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup>Then the Jews encircled Him and said to Him, How long do you make us doubt? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly. <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, I told you and you did not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. <sup>26</sup>But you did not believe because you are not of My sheep. As I said to you, <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>And I give to them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and not anyone shall pluck them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father

who gave *them* to me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one!

<sup>31</sup>Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup>Jesus answered them, I have shown you many good works from My Father — for which of these do you stone Me? <sup>33</sup>The Jews answered Him, We do not stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself God. <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, "I said, You are gods?" <sup>35</sup>If He called those gods with whom the word of God was — and the Scripture cannot be broken — <sup>36</sup>do you say of Him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, You blaspheme, because I said, I am the Son of God? <sup>37</sup>If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. <sup>38</sup>But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works so that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him. <sup>39</sup>Then they again sought to seize Him, but He went forth out of their hand.

<sup>40</sup>And He went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John baptized at the first, and *He* stayed there. <sup>41</sup>And many came to Him and said, John indeed did no miracle, but all things that John said concerning this One were true. <sup>42</sup>And many believed on Him there.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And there was a certain sick one, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(And it was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) <sup>3</sup>Then his sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, *he* whom You love is sick. <sup>4</sup>When Jesus heard, He said, This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God might be glorified by it. <sup>5</sup>And Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, when He had heard that he was sick, then indeed He remained two days in the place where He was. <sup>7</sup>Then after that He said to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again. <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, the Jews lately have sought to stone You, and do You go there again? <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the light of the world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles because there is no light in him. <sup>11</sup>He said these things; and after that He said to them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps. But I go so that I may awaken him out of sleep. <sup>12</sup>Then His disciples said, Lord, if he sleeps, he will get well. <sup>13</sup>But Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He had spoken of taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, in order that you may believe. But let us go to him. <sup>16</sup>Then Thomas (*he* being called Twin) said to *his* fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him.

<sup>17</sup>Then when Jesus came, *He* found him already being held in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>And Bethany was near Jerusalem, fifteen furlongs away. <sup>19</sup>And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary in order to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met Him. But Mary sat in the house. <sup>21</sup>Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now, whatever You will ask of God, God will give You. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, Your brother shall rise again. <sup>24</sup>Martha said Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life! He who believes in Me, though he die, yet he shall live. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? <sup>27</sup>She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world.

<sup>28</sup>And saying these things, she went away and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher has come and calls you. <sup>29</sup>As soon as she heard, she arose quickly and came to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met Him. <sup>31</sup>Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw that Mary rose up hastily and went out, they followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Then when Mary had come where Jesus was, seeing Him, Mary fell down at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>33</sup>Then when He saw her weeping, and also the Jews who came with her weeping, Jesus groaned in the spirit and was troubled. <sup>34</sup>And He said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, Behold how He loved him! <sup>37</sup>And some of them said, Was not this Man who opened the eyes of the blind able also to cause that even this one should not have died?

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, groaning in Himself again, came to the tomb. And it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who died, said to Him, Lord, by this time he stinks. For it is *the fourth day*. <sup>40</sup>Jesus answered her, Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? <sup>41</sup>Then they took away the stone where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup>And I know that You hear Me always, but because of the people who stand by I said it, so that they may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>43</sup>And saying these things, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, Here! Outside! <sup>44</sup>And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with sheets, and his face was bound with a cloth. Jesus said to them, Untie him and let him go! <sup>45</sup>Then many of the Jews who came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on Him. <sup>46</sup>But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

<sup>47</sup>Then the chief priests and Pharisees gathered a sanhedrin, and said, What can we do? For this man does many miracles. <sup>48</sup>If we let him alone this way, all men will believe on him. And the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation. <sup>49</sup>And one of them, Caiaphas, being the high priest of that year, said to them, You do not know anything at all, <sup>50</sup>nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation perish. <sup>51</sup>And he did not speak this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; <sup>52</sup>and not for that nation only, but also that He should gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>Then from that day they took counsel together that they might kill Him. <sup>54</sup>Therefore Jesus walked no more openly among the Jews; but He went away from there to a country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and continued there with His disciples.

<sup>55</sup>And the Jews' Passover was near. And many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover in order to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup>Then they sought Jesus, and spoke with one another as they stood in the temple, What does it seem to you, that He will not at all come to the feast? <sup>57</sup>And all the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commands, that if anyone knew where He was, he should make it known so that they might seize Him.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was (who had died, whom He raised from *the* dead). <sup>2</sup>Then they made a supper there for Him. And Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took a pound of ointment of pure spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was



filled with the odor of the ointment. <sup>4</sup>Then said one of His disciples (Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who was to betray Him) <sup>5</sup>Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred pieces of silver and given to *the* poor. <sup>6</sup>He said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and held the moneybag and carried the things put *in*. <sup>7</sup>Then Jesus said, Let her alone. She has kept this for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup>For you have the poor with you always; but you do not always have Me.

<sup>9</sup>Then a great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there. And they did not come for Jesus' sake only, but also that they might see Lazarus, whom He had raised from *the* dead. <sup>10</sup>But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus to death also, <sup>11</sup>because many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus because of him.

<sup>12</sup>On the next day, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, a great crowd who had come to the Feast <sup>13</sup>took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him. And they cried, Hosanna! "Blessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord!" <sup>14</sup>And finding an ass colt, Jesus sat on it — as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King comes sitting on the foal of an ass." <sup>16</sup>But His disciples did not know these things at the first. But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and *that* they had done these things to Him. <sup>17</sup>Then the crowd witnessed, those who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from *the* dead. <sup>18</sup>Because of this the crowd also met Him, because they heard that He had done this miracle. <sup>19</sup>Then the Pharisees said among themselves, Do you see how you gain nothing? Behold, the world has gone after Him.

<sup>20</sup>And there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the Feast. <sup>21</sup>Then these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we want to see Jesus. <sup>22</sup>Philip came and told Andrew. And again Andrew and Philip told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. <sup>25</sup>He who loves his life shall lose it. And he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>And My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this cause I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify Your name! Then there came a voice from Heaven: I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again. <sup>29</sup>Then the crowd who stood by and heard said that it thundered. Others said, An angel spoke to Him. <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered and said, This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sakes. <sup>31</sup>Now is *the* judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to Myself. <sup>33</sup>But He said this, signifying what kind of death He was about to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered Him, We have heard out of the law that Christ lives forever. How do you say, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? <sup>35</sup>Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, lest darkness come upon you. For he who walks in darkness does not know where he goes. <sup>36</sup>While you have the Light, believe in the Light so that you may become sons of light.

Jesus spoke these things and departed and was hidden from them.

<sup>37</sup>But *though* He had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe on Him, <sup>38</sup>so that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the

Lord been revealed?" <sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again, <sup>40</sup>"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they should not see with *their* eyes nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. <sup>42</sup>Still, however, even out of the rulers, many did believe on Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess, lest they should be put out of the synagogue — <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

<sup>44</sup>But Jesus cried out and said, He who believes on Me does not believe on Me but on Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup>And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. <sup>46</sup>I have come *as* a Light into the world, so that whoever believes on Me should not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup>And if any man hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him, for I do not come to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>He who rejects Me and does not receive My words has one who judges him — the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have not spoken of Myself, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say, and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that His command is life everlasting. Therefore whatever I speak, even as the Father said to Me, so I speak.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come when He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved *His* own in the world, He loved them to *the* end. <sup>2</sup>And when supper had ended, the Devil now having put into the heart of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon to betray Him — <sup>3</sup>Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into *His* hands, and that He had come from God and went to God, <sup>4</sup>He rose up from supper and laid aside *His* garments. And He took a towel and girded Himself. <sup>5</sup>After that He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. <sup>6</sup>Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, Lord, do You wash my feet? <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, You do not know what I do now, but you shall know hereafter. <sup>8</sup>Peter said to Him, You shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me. <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and head. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, He who is bathed has no need except to wash his feet, but is clean every whit. And you are clean, but not all. <sup>11</sup>For He knew who would betray Him. Therefore He said, You are not all clean.

<sup>12</sup>So after He had washed their feet and had taken *His* garments and had sat down again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call Me the Teacher, and Lord, and you say well, for I am. <sup>14</sup>If then I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, A servant is not greater than his master, neither is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, happy are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I do not speak of you all; I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "He who eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me." <sup>19</sup>From now I tell you before it comes, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, He who receives whomever I send receives Me. And he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had said this, *He* was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you shall betray Me. <sup>22</sup>Then the disciples looked upon one another, wondering of whom He spoke. <sup>23</sup>But there was one of His disciples leaning upon Jesus' bosom, the one whom Jesus loved. <sup>24</sup>Simon Peter therefore signaled to him to ask whom it might be of whom He spoke. <sup>25</sup>And

lying on Jesus' breast, he said to him, Lord, who is it? <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, It is he to whom I shall give the morsel when I have dipped it. And dipping the morsel, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. <sup>27</sup>And after the morsel, then Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, What you do, do quickly. <sup>28</sup>But no one reclining knew for what reason He spoke this to him. <sup>29</sup>For some thought, because Judas had the moneybag, that Jesus had said to him, Buy what we have need of for the feast; or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>He then, having received the morsel, went out immediately. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup>Then when he had left, Jesus said, Now the Son of man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall immediately glorify Him. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you yet a little while. You shall seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, Where I go, you cannot come, so I now say to you. <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love toward one another.

<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where do You go? Jesus answered him, Where I go you cannot now follow Me, but you shall follow Me afterward. <sup>37</sup>Peter said to Him, Lord, why cannot I follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake. <sup>38</sup>Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for My sake? Truly, truly, I say to you, *The cock shall not crow until you have denied Me three times.*

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; *if it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know. <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way? <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life — no one comes to the Father but by Me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. And from now on you know Him and have seen Him.

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, Have I been with you such a long time and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father. And how do you say, Show us the Father? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak of Myself, but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. <sup>11</sup>Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes on Me, the works that I do he shall do also — and greater works than these he shall do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup>And whatever you may ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup>If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever — <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you without comfort. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world does not see Me any more. But you see Me. Because I live, you shall live also. <sup>20</sup>At that day you shall know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.

<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord, how is it that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world? <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. <sup>24</sup>He who does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. <sup>25</sup>I have spoken these things to you, being present with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You have heard how I said to you, I go away and *I am* coming to you *again*. If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, I go to the Father, for My Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before *it* happens, so that when it happens you might believe. <sup>30</sup>I shall no longer speak many things with you, for the ruler of this world comes, and he has nothing in Me. <sup>31</sup>But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father has given Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go away from here.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away. And every one that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bring forth more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. <sup>8</sup>In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you shall be My disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; continue in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>I have spoken these things to you so that My joy might remain in you and your joy might be full. <sup>12</sup>This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain — that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, that you love one another. <sup>18</sup>If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have kept My saying, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup>But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. <sup>22</sup>If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup>He who hates Me hates My Father also. <sup>24</sup>If I had not done among them the works which no other did, they would not have had sin. But now they

have both seen and hated Me and My Father. <sup>25</sup>But that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, "They hated Me without a cause."

<sup>26</sup>And when the Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me. <sup>27</sup>And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

#### CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>I have spoken these things to you so that you should not be offended. <sup>2</sup>They shall put you out of *the* synagogue. But an hour is coming that everyone who kills you will think that *he* bears God service. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. <sup>4</sup>But I have told you these things so that when the hour shall come you may remember that I told you of them. And I did not say these things to you at the beginning because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I go to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, Where do You go? <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>But I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when that One comes, *He* will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment. <sup>9</sup>Concerning sin, because they do not believe on Me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot hear them now. <sup>13</sup>However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will announce to you things to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will announce *it* to you. <sup>15</sup>All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and will announce *it* to you. <sup>16</sup>A little *while* and you will not see Me; and again a little *while*, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.

<sup>17</sup>Then His disciples said to one another, What is this that He says to us, A little *while* and you will not see Me, and again a little and you will see Me? And, Because I go to the Father? <sup>18</sup>Therefore they said, What is this that He says, A little *while*? We do not know what He is saying. <sup>19</sup>Then Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and said to them, Do you seek *answers* with one another concerning this, because I said, A little *while* and you shall not see Me; and again a little *while*, and you shall see Me? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. And you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup>The woman has grief when she bears, because her hour has come. But when she brings forth the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of the joy that a man is born into the world. <sup>22</sup>And therefore you now have sorrow. But I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup>And in that day you shall ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you. <sup>24</sup>Before now you have asked nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>I have spoken these things to you in parables, but the time is coming when I shall no more speak to you in parables, but I will show you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup>At that day you will ask in My name; and I do not say to you that I will pray to the Father for you, <sup>27</sup>for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from God. <sup>28</sup>I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world. Again I leave the world and go to the Father.

<sup>29</sup>The disciples said to Him, Lo, now You speak plainly and speak no parable. <sup>30</sup>Now we know that You know all things and do not need that anyone should ask You. By this we believe that You have come forth from God. <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour comes, yea, has now come, that you will be scattered, each man to *his* own things, and you will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup>I have spoken these things to you so that you might have peace in Me. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke these words and lifted up His eyes to Heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son so that Your Son also may glorify Thee, <sup>2</sup>even as You have given Him authority over all flesh so that He should give eternal life to all You have given Him. <sup>3</sup>And this is life eternal, that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have glorified You upon the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was. <sup>6</sup>I have revealed Your name to the men whom You gave to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they have known that all things, whatever You have given Me, are from You. <sup>8</sup>For I have given to them the words which You gave Me, and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from You. And they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup>And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am in the world no longer, but these are in the world, and I come to You, Holy Father. Keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, so that *they* may be one as *We are*.

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those that You have given Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>And now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world that they might have My joy fulfilled in them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not pray for You to take them out of the world, but for You to keep them from the evil. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them through Your truth. Your Word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As You have sent Me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I sanctify Myself for their sakes, so that they also might be sanctified in truth. <sup>20</sup>And I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word — <sup>21</sup>that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup>And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one — <sup>23</sup>I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me, that they may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me, for You have loved Me before *the* foundation of *the* world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, indeed the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent me. <sup>26</sup>And I made known to them Your name, and will make *it* known, so that the love *with* which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>Having spoken these words, Jesus went out with His disciples over the brook Kidron, where there was a garden. He and His disciples entered into it. <sup>2</sup>And Judas who betrayed Him also knew the place. For Jesus oftentimes went there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>Then Judas, having received a band and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all things that were coming upon Him, went out and said to them, Whom do you seek? <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said to them, I AM! And Judas who betrayed Him also stood with them. <sup>6</sup>Then as soon as He had said to them, I AM, they went backward and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Then He asked them again, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, I have told you that I AM. Therefore if you seek Me, let these go away — <sup>9</sup>(that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me, I have lost not one of them”). <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. And the servant’s name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said to Peter, Put up your sword into the sheath. The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?

<sup>12</sup>Then the band, and the captain, and under-officers of the Jews together seized Jesus and bound Him. <sup>13</sup>And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>And Caiaphas was he who gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>And Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, and he went in with Jesus into the court of the high priest. <sup>16</sup>But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple went out, the one who was known to the high priest, and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>Then the girl who kept the door said to Peter, Are you not also one of this man’s disciples? He said, I am not. <sup>18</sup>And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed *himself*.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest asked Jesus of His disciples and of His teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where the Jews always resort, and I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask Me? Ask those who heard me what I have said to them. Behold, they know what I said. <sup>22</sup>And when He had spoken this way, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Do you answer the high priest so? <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me? <sup>24</sup>Then Annas had sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>And Simon Peter stood and warmed *himself*. Then they said to him, Are you not also one of his disciples? He denied and said, I am not. <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, being kinsman *to him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did I not see you in the garden with him? <sup>27</sup>Peter then denied again. And immediately a cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium. And it was early. And they did not go into the praetorium, that they should not be defiled, and that they might eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>Then Pilate went out to them and said, What charge do you bring against this man? <sup>30</sup>They answered and said to him, If he were not an evildoer, then we would not have delivered him up to you. <sup>31</sup>Then Pilate said to them, You take him and judge him according to your law. Then the Jews said

to him, It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death — <sup>32</sup>that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke signifying what death He was about to die.

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered into the praetorium again and called Jesus and said to him, Are you the king of the Jews? <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered him, Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others say it to you about Me? <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you to me. What have you done? <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight so that I might not be delivered to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here. <sup>37</sup>Pilate then said to Him, Are you a king then? Jesus answered, You say it that I am a king. To this *end* I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice. <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, I find no fault at all in him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I should release one to you at the Passover. Then do you desire that I release to you the king of the Jews? <sup>40</sup>Then they all cried again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas! But Barabbas was a robber.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and flogged Him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on His head. And they put a purple robe on Him, <sup>3</sup>and said, Hail, King of the Jews! And they struck Him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate went out again and said to them, Behold, I bring him out to you so that you may know that I find no fault in him. <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And he said to them, Behold the man! <sup>6</sup>Then when the chief priests and under-officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify, crucify Him! Pilate said to them, You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in him. <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. <sup>8</sup>Then when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid. <sup>9</sup>And he went again into the praetorium and said to Jesus, Where are you from? But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Then Pilate said to him, Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to crucify you, and I have authority to release you? <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered, You could have no authority against Me unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.

<sup>12</sup>From this *time*, Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews cried out, saying, If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar. <sup>13</sup>Then when Pilate heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat at a place called *the Pavement* (but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha). <sup>14</sup>And it was *the* preparation of the Passover, and about *the* sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, Behold your king! <sup>15</sup>But they cried out, Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him! Pilate said to them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. <sup>16</sup>Then he delivered Him up to them that He might be crucified. And they took Jesus and led Him away.

<sup>17</sup>And bearing His cross, He went out to a place called, *The Place* of a Skull (which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha) <sup>18</sup>where they crucified Him, and two others with Him — one on either side, and Jesus in the middle. <sup>19</sup>And Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup>Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write, the



king of the Jews, but that he said, I am king of the Jews. <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

<sup>23</sup>Then when they had crucified Jesus, the soldiers took His garments and made four parts, one part to each soldier — and also His tunic. And the tunic was without seam, woven from the top throughout. <sup>24</sup>Therefore they said among themselves, Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to find whose it shall be (that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says, “They parted my garments among them, and for my garment they cast lots”). Therefore the soldiers did these things.

<sup>25</sup>And His mother stood by the cross of Jesus, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>Then when Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, Woman, behold your son! <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her into *his own home*.

<sup>28</sup>After this, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, I thirst. <sup>29</sup>Then a vessel full of vinegar was set. And they filled a sponge *with* vinegar and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. <sup>30</sup>Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished! And He bowed *His* head and gave up the spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Then the Jews, because it was Preparation, begged Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the sabbath. For that sabbath was a high day. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came *to* Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced His side *with* a lance, and instantly there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>And he who saw bore record, and his record is true. And he knows that he speaks true, so that you might believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things were done so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They shall look upon *Him* whom they pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>And after these things, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews) begged of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave permission. Then he came and took the body of Jesus. <sup>39</sup>And Nicodemus also came, who at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>Then they took the body of Jesus and wound it with linen clothes with the spices, as is the custom of the Jews to bury. <sup>41</sup>And in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one yet had been placed. <sup>42</sup>There, then, because of the Preparation of the Jews, because the tomb was near, they laid Jesus there.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>The first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, darkness still being *on it*, and she saw the stone taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him. <sup>3</sup>Therefore Peter and that other disciple went forth and came to the tomb. <sup>4</sup>So they both ran together. And the other disciple outran Peter and came first to the tomb. <sup>5</sup>And stooping down he saw the linen clothes lying, yet he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came following him and went into the tomb. And he saw the linen clothes lying there. <sup>7</sup>And the grave-cloth that was on His head *was* not lying with the linens, but was wrapped up in one place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, then, that other disciple also went in, the one who came first

to the tomb. And he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from *the* dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went away again to themselves.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood outside of the tomb, weeping. And as she wept, she stooped down into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white sitting there, the one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup>And they said to her, Woman, why do you weep? She said to them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him. <sup>14</sup>And when she had said this, she turned backward and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, Sir, if you have carried Him away from here, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away. <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned herself and said to Him, Rabboni! (which is to say, Master!) <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and your God. <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had spoken these things to her.

<sup>19</sup>Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace to you! <sup>20</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you. <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on *them* and said to them, Receive *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>Of whomever sins you remit, they are remitted to them. Of whomever sins you retain, they are retained.

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I shall see the print of the nails in His hands, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe. <sup>26</sup>And after eight days the disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst and said, Peace to you! <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, Reach your finger here and behold My hands; and reach your hand here and thrust it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing. <sup>28</sup>And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God! <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed *are* they who have not seen and have believed.

<sup>30</sup>And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. And He revealed *Himself* this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, and Thomas called the Twin, and Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, I am going out to fish. They said to him, We will go with you also. They went out and entered into a boat immediately. And that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>But when the morning had come, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, Children, Do you have anything to eat? They answered Him, No. <sup>6</sup>And He said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find. Therefore they cast, and now they no longer had *the*

strength to draw, from the multitude of fish. <sup>7</sup>Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loves said to Peter, It is the Lord! Then hearing that it is the Lord, Simon Peter girded on *his* coat (for he was naked), and cast himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>And the other disciples came in a little boat (for they were not far from land, only about two hundred cubits), dragging the net of fish.

<sup>9</sup>Then when they went up on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, and a fish lying on *it*, and bread. <sup>10</sup>And Jesus said to them, Bring from the fish which you have now caught. <sup>11</sup>Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three. And *though* there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, Come, break fast. And none of the disciples dared to ask Him, Who are You? knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came and took the bread and gave to them, and in the same way the little fish. <sup>14</sup>This is now the three times Jesus was revealed to His disciples, *He* being risen from *the* dead.

<sup>15</sup>Then when they broke fast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs. <sup>16</sup>He said to him the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My sheep. <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? Peter was grieved because He said to him *a* third *time*, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things, You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, When you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you wished. But when you grow old, you shall stretch forth your hands and another shall gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish. <sup>19</sup>He spoke this signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, Follow Me. <sup>20</sup>Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved, following (the one who also leaned on His breast at supper, and said, Lord, who is he who betrays You?) <sup>21</sup>Seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, Lord, and what *of* this one? <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, If I desire that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow Me. <sup>23</sup>Then this saying went abroad among the brothers, that that disciple should not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him, He shall not die, but, If I desire that he remain until I come, what is *that* to you?

<sup>24</sup>This is the disciple who testifies of these things and wrote these things. And we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup>And there are also many things, whatever Jesus did, which, if they should be written singly, I suppose the world itself *could* not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Truly, O Theophilus, I made the first report as to all things that Jesus began both to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day He was taken up, having given directions to the apostles whom He chose, through the Holy Spirit; — <sup>3</sup>to whom He also presented Himself living after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them through forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And being gathered together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await for the promise of the Father which you heard from Me. <sup>5</sup>For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now. <sup>6</sup>Then, indeed, these coming together, they asked Him, saying, Lord, do You at this time again restore the kingdom to Israel? <sup>7</sup>And He said to them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you. And you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to *the* end the earth.

<sup>9</sup>And saying these things, *as* they watched, He was taken up. And a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were looking intently into the heaven, He having gone, even behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, <sup>11</sup>who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the heaven? This same Jesus who is taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the way you have seen Him going into Heaven.

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from *the* mount Of Olive Grove, which is a sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And when they had come in, they went up into an upper room, where Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alpheus and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother of* James; <sup>14</sup>these all were continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

<sup>15</sup>And in those days Peter stood up in *the* midst of the disciples and said, (the number of names together was about a hundred and twenty,) <sup>16</sup>*Men and* brothers, this Scripture must have been fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, who became guide to those who seized Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered with us and had obtained part of this ministry. <sup>18</sup>Indeed, then, this one purchased a field with the reward of unrighteousness. And falling headlong, he burst apart in *the* middle, and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it was known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem, so much so that that field is called in their proper tongue, Akeldama, that is to say, Field of Blood. <sup>20</sup>For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "Let his estate become forsaken, and he not living in it." And, "Let another take his office." <sup>21</sup>Therefore, it is right that one of these men who have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went came in and went out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John to that same day that He was taken up from us, to become a witness with us of His resurrection.

<sup>23</sup>And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, You, Lord, knower of all hearts, show which one You chose from these two, <sup>25</sup>to take the share of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell, to go to his own place. <sup>26</sup>And they gave forth their lots. And the lot fell upon Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And in the fulfilling of the day of Pentecost, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven as borne along by the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed; and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled of *the* Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>And dwelling at Jerusalem there were Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>But this sound occurring, the multitude came together and were confounded, because they each heard them speaking in his own dialect. <sup>7</sup>And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, Behold, are these not all Galileans who speak? <sup>8</sup>And how do we each hear in our own dialect in which we were born? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking the great things of God in our own languages.. <sup>12</sup>And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying to one another, What does this mean? <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, These men are full of sweet wine.

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and said to them, Men of Judea, and all who dwell at Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these are not drunk as you suppose, for it is *the* third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“And it shall be in the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>And in those days I will pour out My Spirit upon My menservants and My maidservants, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will give wonders in the heaven above, and miracles on the earth below, — blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before that great and notable Day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>And it shall be that everyone who shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>22</sup>Men, Israelites, hear these words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by powerful works, and wonders and miracles, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know — <sup>23</sup>this One given to you by the before-determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken and by lawless hands, crucifying Him, you put Him to death; <sup>24</sup>whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David speaks concerning Him, “I foresaw the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, that I should not be moved. <sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue was glad; and also My flesh shall rest in hope, <sup>27</sup>because You will not leave My soul in hell, nor will You allow Your holy One to see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You revealed to Me the ways of life. You will fill Me with joy with Your countenance.”

<sup>29</sup>Men and brothers, it is permitted to say to you with plainness as to the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the seed of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit upon his throne — <sup>31</sup>seeing this beforehand, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, nor would His flesh see corruption, <sup>32</sup>God raised up this Jesus, of which we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Therefore being exalted to the right of God, and having received from the Father the

promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup>For David has not ascended into the heavens — but he says himself, “The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right *hand* <sup>35</sup>until I place Your enemies Your footstool.” <sup>36</sup>Therefore let all *the* house of Israel know assuredly that God made this same Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

<sup>37</sup>And hearing *this*, they were stabbed in the heart, and said to Peter and to the other apostles, Men and brothers, what shall we do? <sup>38</sup>Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call. <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation. <sup>41</sup>Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. And the same day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>And they were continuing steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, and in fellowship and in the breaking of the loaves, and in prayers.

<sup>43</sup>And fear came on every soul. And many wonders and miracles took place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things common. <sup>45</sup>And they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup>And continuing with one accord in the Temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And on the same *day* Peter and John went up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. <sup>2</sup>And a certain man, who was lame from his mother’s womb, was being carried. And they laid him daily at that temple gate which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered into the temple. <sup>3</sup>Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. <sup>4</sup>And fastening his eyes on him, Peter with John said, Look on us! <sup>5</sup>And he paid heed to them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk! <sup>7</sup>And taking him by the right hand, he lifted *him* up. And immediately his feet and ankle-bones received strength. <sup>8</sup>And leaping up, he stood and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.

<sup>9</sup>And all the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup>And they recognized him, that it was him who sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. <sup>11</sup>And as the lame one who was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering. <sup>12</sup>And seeing *this*, Peter answered the people, Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this? Or why do you stare at us, as though we had made this man to walk by our own power or holiness? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His son Jesus, whom you delivered up, denying Him in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to let *Him* go. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the holy and just One and desired a murderer to be given to you. <sup>15</sup>And you killed the Prince of Life, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, this one whom you see and know, His name made firm. And the faith which came through by Him has given him this perfect soundness before you. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you did it through ignorance, as also your rulers did. <sup>18</sup>But those things

which God before had shown by the mouth of all His prophets, that Christ should suffer, He fulfilled in this manner.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and be converted, so that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from *the* presence of the Lord. <sup>20</sup>And He shall send Jesus Christ, who before was proclaimed to you, <sup>21</sup>whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restoring of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began. <sup>22</sup>For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you from your brothers, One like me. You shall hear Him in all things, whatever He may say to you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people." <sup>24</sup>And also all the prophets from Samuel and those following after, as many as spoke, have likewise foretold of these days. <sup>25</sup>You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." <sup>26</sup>Having raised up His son Jesus, God sent Him to you first, to bless you in turning every one of you away from his iniquities.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>And as they spoke to the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came on them, <sup>2</sup>being grieved that they taught the people, even to announce through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they laid hands on them and put *them* under guard until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>And it happened on the next day that their rulers and elders and scribes, <sup>6</sup>and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name have you done this? <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup>if we are examined today on a good work for an infirm man, by what this one has been healed, <sup>10</sup>be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from *the* dead, in this *name* does this man stand here before you whole. <sup>11</sup>This is the Stone which you builders have counted worthless, and He has become *the* head of *the* corner. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no other one; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

<sup>13</sup>But seeing the boldness of Peter and John, and perceiving that they were unlearned and uneducated men, they marvelled. And they recognized them, that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>And beholding the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. <sup>15</sup>And when they had commanded them to go aside out of the sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves, <sup>16</sup>saying, What shall we do to these men? For that indeed a notable miracle has been done by them is plain to all those dwelling in Jerusalem. And we cannot deny *it*. <sup>17</sup>But, so that it spread no further among the people, let us strictly threaten them, that they speak to no man in this name from now on.

<sup>18</sup>And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all, nor to teach in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered and said to them, Whether it is right before God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. <sup>20</sup>For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. <sup>21</sup>So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way as to how they might punish

them, because of the people. For all glorified God for that which was done. <sup>22</sup>For the man on whom this miracle of healing occurred was more than forty years *old*.

<sup>23</sup>And being let go, they went to their own company and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup>And having heard, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord and said, Lord, You *are* the God who made the heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that is in them; <sup>25</sup>who by the mouth of Your servant David has said, <sup>26</sup>“Why did the nations rage and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.” <sup>27</sup>For truly, against Your holy child Jesus, whom You have anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the nations, and the people of Israel, were gathered together <sup>28</sup>in order to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel determined before to be done. <sup>29</sup>And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup>by stretching forth of Your hand for healing, and miracles, and wonders may be done by the name of Your holy child Jesus.

<sup>31</sup>And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. <sup>32</sup>And the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul. And not one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own. But they had all things common. <sup>33</sup>And the apostles gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power. And great grace was on them all. <sup>34</sup>For neither was anyone needy among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold, <sup>35</sup>and they laid *them* down at the apostles’ feet. And distribution was made to every man according as he had need. <sup>36</sup>And Joses, who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles (which is, being translated, The son of consolation), a Levite, a Cypriot by race, <sup>37</sup>a field being his, selling *it*, he bore the proceeds and placed *them* at the apostles’ feet.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup>And he kept back *part* of the price, his wife also knowing, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own authority? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God. <sup>5</sup>And hearing these words, Ananias fell down and expired. And great fear came on all those who heard these things. <sup>6</sup>And the younger ones arose, wound him up, and carrying *him* out, *they* buried *him*. <sup>7</sup>And it was about the space of three hours afterward, when his wife (not knowing what was done) came in. <sup>8</sup>And Peter answered her, Tell me whether you sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much. <sup>9</sup>Then Peter said to her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door and shall carry you out. <sup>10</sup>Then at once she fell down at his feet and expired. And the younger ones found her dead, and, carrying *her* out, buried *her* beside her husband. <sup>11</sup>And great fear came on all the church and on as many as heard these things.

<sup>12</sup>And many miracles and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. <sup>13</sup>And of the rest no one dared to join himself to them, but the people magnified them; <sup>14</sup>and more believing ones were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women; <sup>15</sup>So as to carry out the sick into the streets and place *them* on cots and



mattresses, so that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. <sup>16</sup>And also a multitude came from the cities round about to Jerusalem, bringing sick ones, and those being tormented by unclean spirits, who were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>And rising up, the high priest, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees) were filled with anger, <sup>18</sup>And laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the public custody. <sup>19</sup>But the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>Go! Stand and speak all the words of this Life to the people in the temple. <sup>21</sup>And hearing, they went into the temple about dawn, and taught. But the high priest came, and those with him. And they called the sanhedrin together, and all the elderhood of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But having come near, the officers did not find them in the prison. And returning, reported, <sup>23</sup>saying, We indeed found the prison shut with all safety, and the keepers standing outside in front of the doors. But having opened it, we found no one inside. <sup>24</sup>And when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they were bewildered about them, what might have become of them. <sup>25</sup>But one came, reporting to them, saying, Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people. <sup>26</sup>Then the captain went with the officers and brought them, not with force, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

<sup>27</sup>And bringing them, they stood in the sanhedrin. And the high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup>saying, Did we not strictly command you *that* you not teach in this name? And behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this man's blood on us. <sup>29</sup>And Peter and the apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed and hanged on a tree. <sup>31</sup>This One God has exalted *as* a Ruler and Savior to His right *hand* to be a Prince and a Saviour, in order to give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. <sup>32</sup>And we are His witnesses of these things. And so also *is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

<sup>33</sup>But those hearing were cut, and *they* took counsel to kill them. <sup>34</sup>Then there stood up one in the sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law who was honored among all the people. And he commanded the apostles to be put outside a little space. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, boasting himself to be somebody; a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves to him; who was slain. And all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered and brought to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After this one, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the Registration, and drew away considerable people after him. Yet that one perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered. <sup>38</sup>And now I say to you, withdraw from these men and let them alone. For if this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to nothing. <sup>39</sup>But if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it, lest perhaps you be found even to fight against God. <sup>40</sup>And they obeyed him. And calling the apostles, beating *them*, they commanded not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then indeed they departed from the presence of the sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be shamed for His name. <sup>42</sup>And they did not cease teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ daily in the temple and house to house.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And in those days, the disciples having multiplied, a murmuring of the Hellenists against the Hebrews occurred, because their widows were over-

looked in the daily serving. <sup>2</sup>And the Twelve called near the multitude of the disciples and said, It is not pleasing to us, leaving the word of God, to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, look out among you seven *men* being witnessed to, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.

<sup>5</sup>And the saying pleased all the multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>They set these before the apostles. And having prayed, they laid hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God was increasing. And the number of the disciples in Jerusalem was multiplying exceedingly; even a great crowd of the priests obeyed the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then there arose certain of the synagogue which is called the *synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and from Asia, disputing with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke. <sup>11</sup>And they induced men to be saying, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God. <sup>12</sup>And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes. And coming on, they seized him and brought *him* to the sanhedrin. <sup>13</sup>And they set up false witnesses, who said, This man does not cease speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the law. <sup>14</sup>For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered to us. <sup>15</sup>And looking intently at him, all those sitting in the sanhedrin saw his face as if *it were the face of an angel*.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Then the high priest said, Are these things so? <sup>2</sup>And he said, Men, brothers, and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. <sup>3</sup>And He said to him, "Go out from your land and from your kindred, and come into a land which I shall show you." <sup>4</sup>Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, he moved into this land in which you now dwell. <sup>5</sup>And He gave him no inheritance in it, *no*, not even a foot-breadth. And He promised that He would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, there being no child to him. <sup>6</sup>And God spoke in this way, that his seed would be a tenant in another land, and that they would enslave it and oppress *it* four hundred years. <sup>7</sup>And God said, "I will judge the nation to whom they shall be in bondage," and "after these things they will come out and will serve Me in this place." <sup>8</sup>And He gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so he fathered Isaac and circumcised him the eighth day. And Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. <sup>9</sup>And being jealous of Joseph, the patriarchs *sold* Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him <sup>10</sup>and plucked him out from all his afflictions, and He gave him favor and wisdom over against Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he appointed him governor over Egypt and all his household. <sup>11</sup>But a famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and a great affliction. And our fathers found no food. <sup>12</sup>But hearing grain was in Egypt, Jacob sent out our fathers first. <sup>13</sup>And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's race was made known to Pharaoh. <sup>14</sup>And seeing, Joseph called his father Jacob, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls. <sup>15</sup>And Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he and our fathers, <sup>16</sup>and were carried over into Shechem. And they were laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Emmor *the father of Shechem*.

<sup>17</sup>But as the time was drawing near, of the promise which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, <sup>18</sup>until another king arose who did not know Joseph. <sup>19</sup>Dealing subtly with our race, this one oppressed our fathers, causing their infants *to be* exposed, *so as* not to be left alive. <sup>20</sup>In this time Moses was born, and was beautiful to God, who was brought up three months in his father's house. <sup>21</sup>And he being cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and reared him for a son to her. <sup>22</sup>And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and in deeds. <sup>23</sup>And when a period of forty years was fulfilled to him, it arose in his heart to look upon his brothers, the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And seeing one being wronged, he defended *him*. and avenged him who was oppressed and struck the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup>For he thought his brothers *would* understand that God would give them deliverance by his hand. But they did not understand. <sup>26</sup>And the next day he appeared to them *while* fighting. And *he* urged them to peace, saying, Men, you are brothers, why do you wrong one another? <sup>27</sup>But he who wronged his neighbor thrust him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? <sup>28</sup>Will you not kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday? <sup>29</sup>And Moses fled at this word, and became a temporary resident in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.

<sup>30</sup>And forty years being fulfilled to him, *the* Angel of the Lord appeared to him in the desert of Mount Sinai in a flame of fire *in* a bush. <sup>31</sup>And seeing *it*, Moses marveled at the sight. And as he drew near to see, the voice of the Lord came to him: <sup>32</sup>"I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." But Moses trembled and dared not look. <sup>33</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Loosen the sandal on your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." <sup>34</sup>"I have seen, the affliction of My people in Egypt, and I have heard their groan; and I came down to pluck them out. And now come, I will send you into Egypt."

<sup>35</sup>This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge? God has sent this one *to be* a ruler and a redeemer by the hand of *the* Angel who appeared to him in the Bush. <sup>36</sup>He brought them out after he had worked wonders and miracles in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years. <sup>37</sup>This is that Moses who said to the sons of Israel, "The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you from your brothers, One like me, you shall hear Him." <sup>38</sup>This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, who received the living words to give to us, <sup>39</sup>to whom our fathers would not be obedient. But they thrust *him* away from them and turned back again to Egypt in their hearts, <sup>40</sup>saying to Aaron, "Make us gods to go before us, for *as for* this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>41</sup>And they made a calf in those days and offered sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the work of their own hands. <sup>42</sup>Then God turned and gave them over to serve the host of the heavens, as it is written in the book of the prophets: "O house of Israel, have you offered to Me slain beasts and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness?" <sup>43</sup>Yea, you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made in order to worship them; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon." <sup>44</sup>The tabernacle of witness was among our fathers in the wilderness, as commanded by *God*, speaking to Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Which also having received it by inheritance with Joshua, our fathers, with Joshua, brought it into the possession of the nations whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favor with God and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob; <sup>47</sup>but Solomon built Him a house.

<sup>48</sup>But, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says, <sup>49</sup>“Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. What house will you build Me, says the Lord, or what is the place of My rest? <sup>50</sup>Has not My hand made all these things?”

<sup>51</sup>O stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers *did*, so you *do*. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you have now been the betrayers and murderers; <sup>53</sup>who received the law through disposition of angels, and did not keep it.

<sup>54</sup>And hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts. And they gnashed on him with *their* teeth. <sup>55</sup>But being full of *the* Holy Spirit, looking up intently into Heaven, he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right *hand* of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, Behold, I see Heaven opened and the Son of man standing on the right *hand* of God. <sup>57</sup>And crying out with a loud voice, they stopped their ears and ran on him with one accord. <sup>58</sup>And throwing *him* outside the city, they stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid their clothes down at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And they stoned Stephen, *who was* calling on *God* and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. <sup>60</sup>And kneeling down, he cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not lay this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And Saul was consenting to his death. And in that day there was a great persecution on the church at Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>And devout men *buried* Stephen and made a great mourning over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul ravaged the church, entering into every house. And dragging men and women, he delivered them up to prison.

<sup>4</sup>Then, indeed, the ones who had been scattered passed through, preaching the gospel. <sup>5</sup>And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed Christ to them. <sup>6</sup>And the people with one accord gave heed to those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the many miracles which he did. <sup>7</sup>For out of those having unclean spirits, many came out, crying with loud voice. And many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup>And there was great joy in that city. <sup>9</sup>But a certain man called Simon had long been conjuring in the city, and amazing the nation of Samaria, claiming himself to be some great one. <sup>10</sup>All gave heed to *him*, from the least to the greatest, saying, This one is the great power of God. <sup>11</sup>And they were paying attention to him, because for a long time *he* had amazed them with conjuring. <sup>12</sup>But when they believed Philip preaching the gospel, the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup>Then Simon himself believed also, and being baptized, he continued with Philip. And seeing miracles and mighty works happening, he was amazed.

<sup>14</sup>And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them; <sup>15</sup>who when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup>For as yet He had not fallen on any of them, they were baptized only in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Then they laid *their* hands on them, and they received *the* Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup>And when Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup>saying, Give me this power also, that on whomever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But Peter said to him, May your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. <sup>21</sup>You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for

your heart is not right in the sight of God. <sup>22</sup>Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup>For I see that you are in *the* gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. <sup>24</sup>And answering Simon said, You pray to the Lord for me that none of these things which you have spoken may come on me.

<sup>25</sup>Then, indeed, having testified and preached the gospel of the Lord, and having preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans, they returned to Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup>And the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south, on the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert. <sup>27</sup>And he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>was returning. And sitting in his chariot he read Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join yourself to this chariot. <sup>30</sup>And Philip ran there to *him* and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you understand what you are reading? <sup>31</sup>And he said, How can I unless some man should guide me? And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>And *the* content of the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so He opened not His mouth. <sup>33</sup>In His humiliation His judgment was taken away, and who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch answered Philip and said, I beg you, of whom does the prophet speak this? Of himself or of some other man? <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same Scripture and preached the gospel of Jesus to him.

<sup>36</sup>And as they passed along they came on some water. And the eunuch said, See, *here is* water, what hinders me from being baptized? <sup>37</sup>Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stand still. And they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch. And he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they had come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more. And he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached the gospel in all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And Saul, still breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked letters from him to Damascus to the synagogues; so that if he found any of the Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>But in going, it happened as he drew near to Damascus, even suddenly a light from Heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup>And he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? <sup>5</sup>And he said, Who are you, lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads. <sup>6</sup>And trembling and astonished, he said, Lord, what will You have me to do? And the Lord *said* to him, Arise and go into the city, and you shall be told what you must do. <sup>7</sup>And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>And Saul was lifted up from the earth, his eyes were opened, *but* he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And he was three days not seeing, and did not eat or drink.

<sup>10</sup>And there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias! And he said, Behold me, Lord. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the street which is called Straight and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus. For behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and

has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him so that he might receive his sight. <sup>13</sup>And Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how many evil things he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your Name. <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, Go! For this one is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and *the* sons of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake. <sup>17</sup>And Ananias went and entered into the house. And putting his hands on him, he said, Brother Saul, the Lord, Jesus, who appeared to you in the way in which you came, has sent me to you in order that you might receive your sight and be filled with *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>And instantly scales as it were fell from his eyes, and he instantly saw again. And rising up, he was baptized. <sup>19</sup>And taking food, he was strengthened. And Saul was certain days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup>But all who heard *him* were amazed and said, Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem and came here for that reason, that he might bring them bound to the chief priests? <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased the more in strength and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this One is the Christ.

<sup>23</sup>And after many days had been fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him. <sup>24</sup>But their plot was known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night in order to kill him. <sup>25</sup>Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a basket. <sup>26</sup>And arriving in Jerusalem, Saul attempted to join himself to the disciples. But they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had spoken boldly in Damascus in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup>And he was with them, coming in and going out in Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and argued with the Hellenists. But they seized him in order to kill *him*. <sup>30</sup>But knowing, the brothers brought him down to Caesrea and sent him forth to Tarsus. <sup>31</sup>Then, indeed, the churches had rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

<sup>32</sup>And it happened, passing through all, Peter also came down to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup>And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had lain eight years on a mattress, paralyzed. <sup>34</sup>And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you; rise up and spread for yourself! And he arose immediately. <sup>35</sup>And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup>And in Joppa was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated is called Dorcas). This woman was full of good works and kind deeds which she did. <sup>37</sup>And it happened in those days, becoming sick, she died. And washing *her*, they laid *her* in an upper room. <sup>38</sup>And, because Lydda was near Joppa, hearing that Peter is in it, the disciples sent two men to him, begging *him* not to delay to come to them. <sup>39</sup>And rising up, Peter went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* into the upper room. And all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>And putting them all out, Peter knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, Tabitha, arise! And she opened her eyes. And when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>And he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up. And when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup>And it was known throughout all Joppa. And many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>And it was many days *that* he remained in Joppa, with one Simon, a tanner.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And a certain man named Cornelius was in Caesarea, a centurion of the Italian cohort, <sup>2</sup>*one* devout and fearing God, with all his household, both doing many alms to the people, and praying continually to God. <sup>3</sup>About *the* ninth hour of the day he saw plainly in a vision an angel of God coming to him and saying to him, Cornelius! <sup>4</sup>And he was gazing at him, and becoming terrified, he said, What is it, lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>And now send men to Joppa and call for Simon, whose last name is Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is staying with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the *seaside*. He will tell you what you must do. <sup>7</sup>And when the angel who spoke to Cornelius departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from those who waited on him continually. <sup>8</sup>And explaining all things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup>On the next day, as these went on *the* road, and drawing near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about *the* sixth hour. <sup>10</sup>And he became very hungry and desired to eat. But while they made ready, an ecstasy fell on him. <sup>11</sup>And he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a sheet coming down to him, being bound at the four corners and let down to the earth; <sup>12</sup>in which were all the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of the heaven. <sup>13</sup>And a voice came to him, saying, Rise, Peter! Kill and eat! <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. <sup>15</sup>And the voice *spoke* to him again the second time, What God has made clean, you do not call common. <sup>16</sup>This happened three *times*, and the vessel was received up again into the heaven. <sup>17</sup>And while Peter doubted within himself what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who were sent from Cornelius had asked for Simon's house and stood on the porch. <sup>18</sup>And they called and asked if Simon whose last name is Peter was staying there. <sup>19</sup>And *while* Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup>Therefore arise and go down and go with them without doubting, for I have sent them. <sup>21</sup>And going down to the men, those sent to him from Cornelius, Peter said, Behold, I am the *one* you are seeking. For what reason have you come? <sup>22</sup>And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man and one who fears God, and one of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear words from you. <sup>23</sup>Then he called them in and lodged them. And on the next day Peter went away with them, and certain brothers from Joppa went with him.

<sup>24</sup>And the next day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends. <sup>25</sup>And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped. <sup>26</sup>But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up! I also am a man myself. <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, You know that it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to keep company with or to come near to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I came without complaint, being sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me. <sup>30</sup>And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour. And at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup>Therefore send to Joppa and call here Simon whose last name is Peter, he is staying in the house of Simon a tanner by the seaside; who, when he comes, shall speak to you. <sup>33</sup>Therefore I immediately sent to you, and you have

done well to come. Now therefore we are all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded you by God.

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said, Truly I see that God is no respecter of persons; <sup>35</sup>but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted with Him. <sup>36</sup>You know the word which *God* sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the gospel of peace by Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all!); <sup>37</sup>that word which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed; <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed Him and hanged Him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him up the third day and showed Him openly, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people, but to witnesses hand-picked before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He rose from *the* dead. <sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets give witness to Him, that through His name whoever believes in Him shall receive remission of sins. <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the word. <sup>45</sup>And those of the circumcision, who believed (as many as came with Peter), were astonished because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the nations. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup>Can any man forbid water that these, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we, should not be baptized? <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they begged him to stay certain days.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And the apostles and brothers who were in Judea heard that the nations had also received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>And when Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, <sup>3</sup>saying, You went in to men who were uncircumcised and ate with them. <sup>4</sup>But Peter related *the matter* from the beginning and explained it by order to them, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying. And in an ecstasy I saw a vision, a certain vessel like a sheet coming down, let down from the sky by four corners. And it came even to me. <sup>6</sup>When I had fastened my eyes on it, I looked and saw four-footed animals of the earth, and wild beasts, and reptiles, and birds of the heaven. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, Arise, Peter! Kill and eat! <sup>8</sup>But I said, Not so, Lord, for nothing common or unclean *has* at any time entered into my mouth. <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered me again from Heaven, What God has made clean, you do not call common. <sup>10</sup>And this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into the sky. <sup>11</sup>And behold, immediately three men stood at house in which I was, sent from Caesarea to me. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, not discriminating. And these six brothers went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he declared to us how he had seen an angel in his house, who stood and said to him, Send men to Joppa and call for Simon whose last name is Peter, <sup>14</sup>who will tell you words by which you and all your house shall be saved. <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of *the* Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup>Therefore because God gave them the same gift as He gave to us who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God? <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things, they were silent and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted repentance to life to the nations.



<sup>19</sup>Then, indeed, they who were scattered abroad by the persecution that rose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to no one except the Jews. <sup>20</sup>And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene; who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And the word was heard in the ears of the church in Jerusalem. And they sent out Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch; <sup>23</sup>who was glad when he had come and had seen the grace of God. And *he* exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they should cling to the Lord. <sup>24</sup>For he was a good man and full of *the* Holy Spirit and faith. And many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>And Barnabas went out to Tarsus to seek Saul. <sup>26</sup>And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened that *many* of them were gathered to them in the church a whole year. And they taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. <sup>27</sup>And in these days prophets from Jerusalem came to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up *and* signified by the Spirit that there should be great famine over the world (which also happened *in* in the *days* of Claudius Caesar. <sup>29</sup>And according as any were prospered, each of the disciples determined to send *relief* to the brothers who lived in Judea; <sup>30</sup>which they also did, sending to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And at that time Herod the king threw on *his* hands to oppress some of the church. <sup>2</sup>And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup>And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. (And they were days of unleavened *bread*.) <sup>4</sup>And capturing *him*, he put *him* in prison, and delivered him to four sets of four soldiers to keep him; intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>Then, indeed, Peter was kept in prison. But prayer was made without ceasing to God for him by the church. <sup>6</sup>And when Herod was about to bring him out, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Also guards were keeping the prison. <sup>7</sup>And behold, an angel of *the* Lord stood by, and a light shone in the prison. And striking Peter's side, he raised him up, saying, Rise up quickly! And his chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup>And the angel said to him, Gird yourself and put on your sandals. And he did so. And he says to him, Throw your robe around you and follow me. <sup>9</sup>And he went out and followed him. And he did not know that which was done by the angel was true, but thought he saw a vision. <sup>10</sup>When they were past the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord. And they went out and passed on through one street. And immediately the angel departed from him.

<sup>11</sup>And having come, *to* himself, Peter said, Now I know surely that the Lord has sent His angel and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews. <sup>12</sup>And thinking about it, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose last name was Mark; where many had gathered together to pray. <sup>13</sup>And as Peter knocked at the door of the porch, a girl named Rhoda came to listen. <sup>14</sup>And when she knew Peter's voice, she did not open the gate because of gladness, but running in she reported Peter *was* standing before the porch. <sup>15</sup>And they said to her, You are mad. But she kept on saying that it was so. And they said, It is his angel. <sup>16</sup>But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened and saw him, they were amazed.

<sup>17</sup>But, waving to them with his hand to be quiet, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go tell these things to

James and to the brothers. And he departed and went into another place. <sup>18</sup>And day coming, there was not a little stir among the soldiers, *saying*, What, then, became of Peter. <sup>19</sup>And searching for him, and not finding *him*, examining the guards, Herod commanded them to be led away to *death*. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed.

<sup>20</sup>And Herod was in bitter hostility with the men of Tyre and Sidon. But they came to him with one accord and, having made Blastus (who had charge of the king's bedroom) their friend, desired peace, because their country was fed by the king's country. <sup>21</sup>And on a certain day, Herod sat on his throne, dressed in royal clothing, and made a speech to them. <sup>22</sup>And the people gave a shout, *saying*, *It is the voice of a god and not of a man!* <sup>23</sup>And immediately the angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give God the glory. And he was eaten by worms and gave up the spirit.

<sup>24</sup>But the word of God grew and increased. <sup>25</sup>And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled the ministry. And they took *with* them John, whose last name was Mark.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And in Antioch some among the existing church were prophets and teachers. (such as Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, *the* foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup>As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, So, then, separate Barnabas and Saul to Me for the work to which I have called them. <sup>3</sup>Then having fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, they let *them* go.

<sup>4</sup>Then these indeed sent out by the Holy Spirit went down to Seleucia. And from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>And when they were at Salamis, they announced the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John *as* an assistant. <sup>6</sup>And when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain conjurer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name *was* Barjesus; <sup>7</sup>who was with the proconsul of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man. He called for Barnabas and Saul and asked to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup>But Elymas the conjurer (for so his name is, if translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup>Then Saul (who *is* also called Paul), filled with *the* Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him <sup>10</sup>and said, O son of the Devil, full of all deceit and craftiness, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of *the* Lord? <sup>11</sup>And now, behold, *the* hand of the Lord *is* on you. And you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a while. And immediately a mist and a darkness fell on him, and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup>Then, seeing the thing happening, the proconsul believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Paul and his company sailed from Paphos and came to Perga of Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>But going through from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day and sat down. <sup>15</sup>And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, Men, brothers, if you have any word of comfort for the people, speak. <sup>16</sup>And rising up and signaling with his hand, Paul said, Men, Israelites, and those fearing fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and exalted the people when they lived as strangers in the land of Egypt, and He brought them out of it with a high arm. <sup>18</sup>And about the time of forty years He endured their manners in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to them by lot. <sup>20</sup>And after that He gave *them* judges for about four hundred and

fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup>And afterward they asked for a king. And God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup>And when He had removed him, He raised up David to them to be their king; to whom He also gave testimony and said, I have found David the son of Jesse a man after My own heart, who shall fulfill all My will. <sup>23</sup>Of this man's seed God has raised to Israel, according to *His* promise, a Saviour, Jesus; <sup>24</sup>John having before proclaimed the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel, before His coming. <sup>25</sup>And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Who do you think that I am? I am not He. But behold, One comes after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.

<sup>26</sup>Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abraham, and whoever among you fears God, the word of this salvation is sent to you. <sup>27</sup>For those living in Jerusalem, and their rulers, not having known this One, and the voices of the prophets being read throughout every sabbath, judging *Him*, they fulfilled the *Scriptures*. <sup>28</sup>And finding not one cause of death in *Him*, they begged Pilate to do away with Him. <sup>29</sup>And when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, taking *Him* down from the tree, they laid *Him* in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised Him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>who appeared for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.

<sup>32</sup>And we preach the gospel to you, <sup>33</sup>the promise made to the fathers, this God has fulfilled to us their children, raising up Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son, this day I have begotten You." <sup>34</sup>And that He raised Him up from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He spoke in this way: "I will give you the holy promises of David." <sup>35</sup>Therefore he also says in another psalm, "You shall not allow Your Holy One to see corruption." <sup>36</sup>For after he had served his own generation by the will of God, David fell asleep and was added to his fathers and saw corruption. <sup>37</sup>But He whom God raised again saw no corruption. <sup>38</sup>Therefore be it known to you, men, brothers, that through this One the forgiveness of sins is announced to you. <sup>39</sup>And by Him all who believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup>Therefore beware lest that come on you which is spoken of in the prophets: <sup>41</sup>"Behold, *you* despisers, and marvel, and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which you shall in no way believe, though a man declare it to you." <sup>42</sup>And the Jews having gone out of the synagogue, the nations begged that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. <sup>43</sup>And the synagogue being broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup>And on the coming sabbath day almost all the city came together to hear the word of God. <sup>45</sup>But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy and spoke against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. <sup>46</sup>But speaking boldly, Paul and Barnabas said, It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first. But since indeed you put it far from you and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the nations. <sup>47</sup>For so the Lord has commanded us, *saying*, "I have set You to be a light of the nations, that You might be for salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>48</sup>And hearing, the nations rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup>And the word of the Lord was carried throughout all the country. <sup>50</sup>But the Jews stirred up the devout and honorable women, and the chief ones of the city, and raised a persecution against Paul and Barnabas. And they threw them out of their borders. <sup>51</sup>But shaking the dust of their feet off on them, they came into Iconium. <sup>52</sup>And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in Iconium, they both went together into the synagogue of the Jews, and spoke so as a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup>But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the nations and made them evil-hearted against the brothers. <sup>3</sup>Therefore they stayed a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who bore witness to the word of His grace, giving miracles and wonders to be done by their hands. <sup>4</sup>But the multitude of the city was divided. And part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. <sup>5</sup>And when there was an assault made by both the nations and the Jews, with their rulers, in order to insult and to stone them, <sup>6</sup>they were aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the country around them. <sup>7</sup>And there they were preaching the gospel.

<sup>8</sup>And a certain man was sitting in Lystra, without strength in the feet, being lame from his mother's womb, who never had walked. <sup>9</sup>This one heard Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him, and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup>said with a loud voice, Stand up on your feet! And he leaped and walked. <sup>11</sup>And seeing what Paul did, the crowd lifted up their voice, saying in Lycaonian, The gods have come down to us, becoming like men. <sup>12</sup>And they called Barnabas Jupiter, and Paul Mercury, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>And the priest of Jupiter, being before their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, wishing to sacrifice with the crowds. <sup>14</sup>But hearing *this*, the apostles Barnabas and Paul tore their clothes and ran in among the people, crying out <sup>15</sup>and saying, Men, why do you do these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preaching the gospel to you that you should turn from these vanities to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all things that are in them; <sup>16</sup>who in past generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. <sup>17</sup>And yet He did not leave Himself without witness, doing good, giving rain and fruitful season to us from Heaven, filling our hearts with food and gladness. <sup>18</sup>And saying these things, they scarcely stopped the people from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>And Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, who, having persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, they drew *him* out of the city, supposing him to have died. <sup>20</sup>But the disciples surrounding him, he rose up and came into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. <sup>21</sup>And preaching the gospel to that city, and having made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>confirming the souls of the disciples, calling on them to continue in the faith and that through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>23</sup>And when they had chosen elders for them in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord into whom they believed.

<sup>24</sup>And passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup>And speaking the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. <sup>26</sup>And from there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. <sup>27</sup>And having arrived, and gathering the church they related all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the nations. <sup>28</sup>And they stayed there not a little time with the disciples.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And certain ones who came down from Judea taught the brothers, *saying*, Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. <sup>2</sup>Therefore dissension and not a little disputation occurring by Paul and Barnabas, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. <sup>3</sup>And indeed being

set forward by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the nations. And they caused great joy to all the brothers. <sup>4</sup>And arriving in Jerusalem, they were received by the church, and by the apostles and elders. And they declared all things that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some of those from the sect of the Pharisees, having believed, rose up, saying, It was necessary to circumcise them and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.

<sup>6</sup>And the apostles and elders were assembled to see about this matter. <sup>7</sup>And after much disputing, Peter rose up and said to them, Men and brothers, you recognize that from ancient days God chose among us that through my mouth the nations should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the hearts, bore them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit even as to us. <sup>9</sup>And He put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why do you tempt God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples, a yoke which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? <sup>11</sup>But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, according to which manner they also *believed*.

<sup>12</sup>And all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring what miracles and wonders God had worked among the nations through them. <sup>13</sup>And after they were silent, James answered, saying, Men, brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Even as Simon has declared *how* God at the first visited the nations to take out of them a people for His name. <sup>15</sup>And the words of the prophets agree to this; as it is written, <sup>16</sup>“After this I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David which has fallen down; and I will build again its ruins, and I will set it up, <sup>17</sup>so those men who are left might seek after the Lord, and all the nations on whom My name has been called, says the Lord, who does all these things.” <sup>18</sup>All His works are known to God from the beginning of the world. <sup>19</sup>Therefore my judgment is that we do not trouble those who have turned to God from among the nations, <sup>20</sup>but that we write to them that they should abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For Moses from ages past has those in every city proclaiming him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day. <sup>22</sup>Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men from their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; Judas, whose last name was Barsabas; and Silas, chief men among the brothers. <sup>23</sup>And they wrote *letters* by them in this way: The apostles and elders and brothers *send* greeting to the brothers who are of the nations in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. <sup>24</sup>Because we have heard that certain ones who went out from us have troubled you with words, upsetting your souls, saying, Be circumcised and keep the law! (to whom we gave no *such* command); <sup>25</sup>it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup>men who have given up their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup>Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who will also announce *to you* the same things by word. <sup>28</sup>For it seemed *good* to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these necessary things: <sup>29</sup>that you abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which, if you keep yourselves, you shall do well. Be prospered. <sup>30</sup>Then indeed they being let go, they came to Antioch. And gathering the multitude, *they* delivered the letter. <sup>31</sup>And when they had read *it*, they rejoiced at the comfort. <sup>32</sup>And Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, exhorted the brothers with many words and confirmed *them*. <sup>33</sup>And remaining for a time, they were let go in peace from the brothers to the apostles. <sup>34</sup>But it pleased Silas to remain there. <sup>35</sup>Also Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the gospel of the Lord, with many others also.

<sup>36</sup>And some days afterward, Paul said to Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brothers in every city where we have announced the word of the Lord, how they are doing. <sup>37</sup>And Barnabas determined to take with *them* John, he being called Mark. <sup>38</sup>But Paul thought *it* well not to take that one with *them*, he having withdrawn form them from Pamphylia, and did not go with them to the work. <sup>39</sup>Then there was sharp feeling, as as to separate them from each other. And taking Mark, Barnabas sailed to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup>But choosing Silas, Paul went out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of God, <sup>41</sup>passing through Syria and Cilicia, making the churches strong.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a woman who was a Jewess and who believed. But his father *was* a Greek. <sup>2</sup>He was well reported of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted him to go with him, and taking *him* he circumcised him, because of the Jews who were in those places; for they all knew that his father *was* a Greek. <sup>4</sup>And as they passed through the cities, they delivered to them the commandments to keep, the ones that were ordained by the apostles and elders who *were* in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>Then indeed the churches were established in the faith and increased in number daily. <sup>6</sup>And coming through the Phrygian and the Galatian region; and by the Holy Spirit being forbidden to speak the word in Asia; <sup>7</sup>having come to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia. But the Spirit did not allow them. <sup>8</sup>Then passing by Mysia, they came down into Troas. <sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A certain man of Macedonia had stood, begging him, saying, Come over into Macedonia *and* help us! <sup>10</sup>And *after* he saw the vision, we immediately tried to go into Macedonia, gathering that the Lord had called us in order to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>Then having set sail from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis; <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is the chief *city* of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we continued spending time in that city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was usually made. And we sat down and spoke to the women who came together *there*. <sup>14</sup>And a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*, a seller of purple of *the* city of Thyatira, who worshiped God; whose heart the Lord opened, so that she attended to the things which were spoken by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And when she was baptized, she and her household, she begged *us*, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay. And she constrained us.

<sup>16</sup>And as we went to prayer, it happened that a certain girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by divining. <sup>17</sup>The same followed Paul and us and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, who are announcing to us the way of salvation. <sup>18</sup>And she did this many days. But being distressed, and turning to the *evil* spirit, Paul said, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And he came out in that hour. <sup>19</sup>And when her masters saw that the hope of their gain went out, having seized Paul and Silas, they dragged *them* to the market before the rulers. <sup>20</sup>And bring them near to the judges, *they* said, These men, being Jews, are exceedingly troubling our city. <sup>21</sup>And *they* teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive nor to do, being Romans. <sup>22</sup>And the crowd rose up against them. And tearing off their clothes, the judges order *them* to be flogged. <sup>23</sup>And after laying on them many stripes, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailor

to keep them safely; <sup>24</sup>who, having received such a command, thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>And toward midnight Paul and Silas prayed and praised to God in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. <sup>26</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and all the bonds were loosened. <sup>27</sup>And being awakened, and seeing the doors of the prison being open, drawing a sword, the jailer was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, Do yourself no harm, for we are all here. <sup>29</sup>Then asking for a light he rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>And leading them outside, he said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? <sup>31</sup>And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved, and your household. <sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his household. <sup>33</sup>And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed from *their* stripes. And he was baptized, he and all his, immediately. <sup>34</sup>And bringing them up to the house, he set a table before *them* and rejoiced, believing in God with all his household.

<sup>35</sup>And day coming, the judges sent the officers, saying, Let those men go. <sup>36</sup>And the jailer spoke these words to Paul: The judges have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace. <sup>37</sup>But Paul said to them, Having beaten us publicly, men who are Romans and uncondemned, they threw *us* into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! But coming themselves, let them bring us out. <sup>38</sup>And the floggers reported these words to the judges. And hearing that they were Romans, they were afraid. <sup>39</sup>And coming they begged them. And bringing *them* out, *they* asked them to depart out of the city. <sup>40</sup>And going out from the prison, they entered into the *house* of Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they comforted them and departed.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And traveling through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And according to Paul's custom, he went in to them and reasoned with them out of the Scriptures on three sabbaths, <sup>3</sup>opening and setting forth that Christ must have suffered, and to have risen again from *the* dead; and that this Jesus whom I preach to you is Christ. <sup>4</sup>And some of them believed and joined themselves to Paul and Silas, both a great multitude of the worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the chief women. <sup>5</sup>But the disobeying Jews becoming jealous, and having taken aside some wicked men of the market-loafers, and gathering a crowd, they set all the city in an uproar. And coming on the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the mob. <sup>6</sup>And not finding them, they drew Jason and certain brothers before the city judges, crying, These who have turned the world upside down have come here too, <sup>7</sup>whom Jason has received. And these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus. <sup>8</sup>And hearing these things, they troubled the crowd and the city judge. <sup>9</sup>And taking security from Jason and from the rest, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup>And the brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. They, when they arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup>These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to see if those things were so. <sup>12</sup>Therefore many of them believed, and quite a few of honorable Greek women and men. <sup>13</sup>But when the Jews from Thessalonica knew that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the people. <sup>14</sup>And then immediately the brothers sent Paul away to go towards the sea, but both

Silas and Timothy stayed there. <sup>15</sup>And those conducting Paul brought him to Athens. And receiving a command to Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

<sup>16</sup>But awaiting them in Athens, Paul's spirit was pained within him, seeing city full of idols. <sup>17</sup>Then indeed he addressed the Jews in the synagogue, and those worshiping, and daily in the market, to those happening to be *there*. <sup>18</sup>And certain philosophers from the Epicureans and from the Stoics met him. And some said, What will this babblers say? Others said, He seems to be an announcer of foreign demons (because he preached Jesus and the resurrection to them). <sup>19</sup>And taking hold of him, they led *him* to the Areopagus, saying, Are we able to know what is this new doctrine of which you speak? <sup>20</sup>For you bring certain strange things to our ears, therefore we are minded to know what these things mean. <sup>21</sup>(For all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else except to tell or to hear something newer.)

<sup>22</sup>And standing in the middle of the Areopagus, Paul said, Men, Athenians, I see that you are fearful of gods in everything. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed by and saw the things you worship, I found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make Him known to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of Heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup>Nor is served with men's hands, *as* though He needed anything, since He gives life and breath and all things to all. <sup>26</sup>And He has made all nations of men of one blood to dwell on all the face of the earth, ordaining fore-appointed seasons and boundaries of their dwelling, <sup>27</sup>to seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel after Him and find Him, though indeed He is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. <sup>29</sup>Then being offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like gold or silver or stone, engraved by art and man's imagination. <sup>30</sup>Truly, then, God overlooking the times of ignorance, now He strictly commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because He has appointed a day in which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He appointed, having given proof to all *by* raising Him from *the* dead.

<sup>32</sup>And hearing of a resurrection of *the* dead, some indeed mocked; and *others* said, We will hear you again concerning this. <sup>33</sup>And so Paul departed from among them. <sup>34</sup>But certain men joined themselves to him and believed; among whom were Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

## CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And after these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>And finding a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome) Paul came to them. <sup>3</sup>And because he was of the same trade, he stayed and worked with them; for they were tentmakers by occupation. <sup>4</sup>And he reasoned in the synagogue on every sabbath, persuading both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>And when Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *is* the Christ. <sup>6</sup>And they resisting and blaspheming, shaking *his* garment, he said to them, Your blood is on your own heads. I am pure *from* it. From now on I will go to the nations. <sup>7</sup>And he departed from there and entered into the house of one named Justus, *one* worshiping God, whose house was next to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house. And hearing this, many of the



Corinthians believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, Do not be afraid, but speak, and be not silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one shall set on you to hurt you, for I have many people in this city. <sup>11</sup>And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup>But Gallio being pro-consul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rushed against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat, <sup>13</sup>saying, This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the law. <sup>14</sup>And Paul being about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If indeed it was anything wrong or wicked criminality, O Jews, according to reason I would endure you. <sup>15</sup>But if it is a question of words and names and *of your law*, you look to it. For I do not wish to be a judge of such things. <sup>16</sup>And he drove them from the judgment seat. <sup>17</sup>And all the Greeks seized Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the judgment seat. And Gallio did not care for any of these things.

<sup>18</sup>And Paul having remained many days more, taking leave of the brothers, he sailed from there into Syria. And Priscilla and Aquila were with him. And Paul had shorn *his* head in Cenchrea, for he had a vow. <sup>19</sup>And he came to Ephesus and left them there. But he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup>And they asking *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent <sup>21</sup>but took leave of them, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that is coming in Jerusalem, but I will return again to you, God willing. And he sailed from Ephesus. <sup>22</sup>And when he had landed at Caesarea and had gone up to greet the church, he went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>And after he had spent some time there, he departed and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

<sup>24</sup>And a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. <sup>25</sup>This man was instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught the things of the Lord diligently, knowing only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup>And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And Aquila and Priscilla heard him, and they took him and expounded to him the way of God more perfectly. <sup>27</sup>And intending to pass into Achaia, being encouraged the brothers wrote to the disciples to welcome him; who, having arrived, very much helped those who had believed through grace. <sup>28</sup>For he mightily confuted the Jews publicly, proving by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened in the *time* Apollos was at Corinth, Paul was passing through the higher parts to Ephesus. And finding certain disciples, <sup>2</sup>he said to them, Have you received *the* Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said to him, We did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit is. <sup>3</sup>And he said to them, Then what were you baptized to? And they said, To John's baptism. <sup>4</sup>And Paul said, John truly baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe into Him coming after him, that is, into Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup>And hearing, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And *as* Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup>And all of the men were about twelve. <sup>8</sup>And going into the synagogue, he spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup>But when some were hardened and did not believe, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of one Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup>And this happened over two years, so that all those living in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. <sup>11</sup>And God did works of power through the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup>so

that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin being brought onto the sick, the diseases *were* released, and the evil spirits went out of them.

<sup>13</sup>And certain from the strolling Jews, exorcists, undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those having evil spirits, saying, We exorcise you *by* Jesus whom Paul preaches. <sup>14</sup>And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. <sup>15</sup>But answering the evil spirit said, Jesus I know, and I comprehend Paul, but who are you? <sup>16</sup>And the man in whom the evil spirit resided leaped on them, and overcoming them he was strong against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup>And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks who lived at Ephesus, and fear fell on all of them, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. <sup>18</sup>And many who believed came and confessed and showed their deeds. <sup>19</sup>Also many of those practicing the curious arts, bringing together the books, burned them before all. And they counted the prices of them and found *it to be* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. <sup>20</sup>So the word of God grew mightily and prevailed.

<sup>21</sup>After these things were ended, passing through Macedonia and Achaia, Paul purposed in the spirit to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have come there, I must also see Rome. <sup>22</sup>And sending into Macedonia two who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he stayed in Asia for a time. <sup>23</sup>And about that time there was no little a stir about the Way. <sup>24</sup>For a certain silversmith named Demetrius was making silver temples of Artemis, providing little trade for the craftsmen. <sup>25</sup>And assembling the workmen about such things, he said, Men, you know that from this trade is our wealth. <sup>26</sup>And you see and hear that, not only at Ephesus, but almost all Asia, this Paul having persuaded, *he has* perverted a huge crowd, saying that those which are made with hands are no gods. <sup>27</sup>And not only is this dangerous to us, our share coming into dispute, but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted for nothing, and her magnificence is also about to be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships.

<sup>28</sup>And hearing, and becoming full of anger, they cried out, saying, Great *is* Artemis of *the* Ephesians. <sup>29</sup>And all the city was filled with confusion. And they rushed with one accord to the theater, keeping a firm grip on Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, traveling companions of Paul. <sup>30</sup>And Paul intending to go in to the mob, the disciples did not allow him. <sup>31</sup>And some of the chief men of Asia, being his friends, sent to him, begging *him* not to give himself into the theater. <sup>32</sup>Then indeed others cried out, some other different things; for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. <sup>33</sup>And they dragged Alexander forward out of the crowd, the Jews pushing him forward. And waving his hand Alexander desired to defend himself to the mob. <sup>34</sup>But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for two hours' time, Great *is* Artemis of the Ephesians! <sup>35</sup>And quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, Men, Ephesians! What one of you does not know that the city of the Ephesians is a worshiper of the great goddess Artemis, and of *the image* which fell down from Jupiter? <sup>36</sup>Since these things cannot be spoken against, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing rashly. <sup>37</sup>For you have brought these men here, who are neither robbers of churches nor blasphemers of your goddess. <sup>38</sup>Therefore if Demetrius and those craftsmen with him have a matter against anyone, the court days are kept, and there are proconsuls. Let them plead against one another. <sup>39</sup>But if you ask anything concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly. <sup>40</sup>For we are in danger to accused of revolt concerning today; there being no cause by which we may give an account of this crowding together. <sup>41</sup>And saying these things, he dismissed the assembly.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And after the uproar had ceased, calling the disciples and greeting *them*, Paul left to go into Macedonia. <sup>2</sup>And passing through those parts, and exhorting them with much speech, he came into Greece. <sup>3</sup>And spending three months *there*, there being a plot *against* him by the Jews, being about to sail into Syria, he proposed to return through Macedonia. <sup>4</sup>And Sopater of Berea accompanied him into Asia, and Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia. <sup>5</sup>Going before, these waited for us at Troas. <sup>6</sup>And after the days of unleavened *bread*, we sailed away from Philippi and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

<sup>7</sup>And on the first of the week, the disciples having been assembled to break bread, being about to depart on the morrow, Paul reasoned to them. And he continued his speech until midnight. <sup>8</sup>And there were many lights in the upper room where they were assembled. <sup>9</sup>And a certain young man named Eutychus was sitting on the window sill, Paul reasoning for a longer time, being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third floor, and was taken up dead. <sup>10</sup>And Paul went down and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Do not be terrified, for his soul is in him. <sup>11</sup>And going up, and breaking bread, and tasting, and conversing over a long *time*, until daybreak, he went out thus. <sup>12</sup>And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

<sup>13</sup>And going ahead onto the ship, we sailed to Assos, there intending to take in Paul; for so he had appointed, intending himself to go on foot. <sup>14</sup>And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in and came to Mitylene. <sup>15</sup>And we sailed from there and came the next *day* across from Chios. And the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and we stayed at Trogyllium. And the next day we came to Miletus. <sup>16</sup>For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not lose time in Asia; for, if it were possible for him, he hastened to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. <sup>17</sup>And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup>And when they had come to him, he said to them, You know how I was with you at all times, from the first day I arrived in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility of *mind*, and many tears and temptations happening to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>and how I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shown you and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus Christ, to testify fully the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that you all will see my face no more, among whom I went proclaiming the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you on this day that I *am* pure from the blood of all. <sup>27</sup>For I did not keep back from declaring to you all the counsel of God.

<sup>28</sup>Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also men shall arise from your own selves, speaking perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore watch and remember that for the time of three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now, brothers, I commend you

to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I have coveted no man's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>Yea, you yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my needs, and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>I have shown you all things, that working in this way we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. <sup>36</sup>And saying these things, kneeling, he prayed with them all. <sup>37</sup>And there was much weeping of all, and falling on the neck of Paul, they ardently kissed him, <sup>38</sup>grieving most of all because of the words which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they went with him to the ship.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And it happened when it was *time* to sail, we having been torn away from them, running direct we came to Cos; and on the next *day* to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. <sup>2</sup>And finding a ship sailing over to Phenicia, going on board, we set sail. <sup>3</sup>And sighting Cyprus, and leaving it on the left, we sailed into Syria, and came down to Tyre. For the ship was to unload its cargo there. <sup>4</sup>And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days; who said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not go up to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>But when it was *time* to finish the days, going out, we traveled on. And *they* with all *the* women and children went with us as far as outside the city. And we kneeled down on the shore and prayed. <sup>6</sup>And giving parting greetings to one another, we went up into the ship; and they returned to their own things. <sup>7</sup>And finishing the voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais. And greeting the brothers, we stayed with them one day. <sup>8</sup>And the next day those around *him* going out, Paul came to Caesarea. And entering the house of Philip the evangelist, he being of the seven, we stayed with him. <sup>9</sup>And there were four virgin daughters to this one, who prophesied. <sup>10</sup>And as we stayed more days, a certain prophet from Judea named Agabus came down. <sup>11</sup>And coming to us, and taking Paul's belt, and binding his hands and feet, he said, The Holy Spirit says these *things*: So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man whose belt this is, and will deliver *him* into the hands of *the* nations. <sup>12</sup>And when we heard these things, both we and those of *the* place begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>Then Paul answered, What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>14</sup>And he not being persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be *done*.

<sup>15</sup>And after those days, making ready, we went up to Jerusalem. <sup>16</sup>Also *some* of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing Mnason, a certain Cypriot, an old disciple with whom we were to lodge. <sup>17</sup>And we being in Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. <sup>18</sup>And on the next *day* Paul went with us to James. And all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup>And having greeted them, he related one by one what things God had done among the nations by his ministry. <sup>20</sup>And hearing, they glorified the Lord, and said to him, You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who believe, and they are all zealous of the law. <sup>21</sup>And they are informed concerning you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the nations to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, nor to walk after the customs. <sup>22</sup>What is it therefore? At all events a multitude will come together, for they will hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup>Therefore do this, what we say to you: We have four men who have a vow on themselves; <sup>24</sup>taking them, be purified with them, and be at expense for them, so that they may shave *their* heads. And all may know that what they have been told about you is nothing, but you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. <sup>25</sup>And as to the nations who believe,

we joined in writing, judging them to observe no such things, except only that they keep themselves from both idol sacrifice, and blood, and things strangled, and fornication. <sup>26</sup>Then taking the men on the next day, being purified with them, Paul went into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of the purification, until an offering should be offered for each of them.

<sup>27</sup>And when the seven days were about to be completed, the Jews who were from Asia, having seen him in the temple, stirred up all the crowd and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup>crying out, Men, Israelites, help! This is the man who teaches all everywhere against the people and the law and this place. And even he brought Greeks into the temple and has polluted this holy place. <sup>29</sup>(For they had seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city before, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) <sup>30</sup>And all the city was moved, and the people ran together. And laying hands on Paul, they drew him outside of the temple. And immediately the doors were shut. <sup>31</sup>And as they were seeking to kill him, the news came to the chiliarch of the cohort, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. <sup>32</sup>He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And seeing the chiliarch and the soldiers, they quit beating Paul. <sup>33</sup>Then going near, the chiliarch laid hold on him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains. And he demanded who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup>And others cried something else in the crowd, and not being able to know the certainty on account of the uproar, he commanded him to be carried into the fortress. <sup>35</sup>And when he came on the stairs, it happened that he was carried by the soldiers, because of the violence of the crowd. <sup>36</sup>For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him!

<sup>37</sup>And as Paul was about to be led into the fortress, he said to the chiliarch, Is it lawful for me to say a thing to you? And he said, Do you know Greek? <sup>38</sup>Then are you not the Egyptian who before these days caused a riot, and led four thousand men of the assassins out into the wilderness? <sup>39</sup>But Paul said, I am a man, a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no small city. And I beseech you, allow me to speak to the people. <sup>40</sup>And he allowing him, standing on the stairs, Paul signaled with *his* hand to the people. And much silence taking place, he spoke in the Hebrew dialect, saying:

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>Men, brothers and fathers! Hear my defense now to you. <sup>2</sup>And hearing that he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, they all the more kept silence. And he said, <sup>3</sup>I am truly a Jew born in Tarsus in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the exactness of the law of the fathers, being a zealous one of God, as you all are today. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted this Way as far as death, binding and delivering both men and women into prisons; <sup>5</sup>as also the high priest bears witness to me, and all the elderhood. And receiving letters from *them* to the brothers, I traveled into Damascus indeed to lead those being bound to Jerusalem, in order that they might be punished. <sup>6</sup>And it happened to me, traveling and drawing near to Damascus: suddenly, about midday, a great light out of the heaven shone around me. <sup>7</sup>And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? <sup>8</sup>And I answered, Who are you, lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute. <sup>9</sup>And they who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid. But they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. <sup>10</sup>And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Arise and go into Damascus. And there it shall be told you all things which are appointed for you to do. <sup>11</sup>And I did not see, because of the

glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

<sup>12</sup>And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, testified to by all the Jews who lived there, <sup>13</sup>coming to me and standing by, he said to me, Brother Saul, look up! And the same hour I looked up on him. <sup>14</sup>And he said, The God of our fathers has chosen you to know His will and see the Just One, and to hear a voice of His mouth. <sup>15</sup>For you shall be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup>And now what do you intend? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. <sup>17</sup>And it happened to me, I returning to Jerusalem and praying in the temple, I became in an ecstasy. <sup>18</sup>And I saw Him say to me, Hurry and go quickly out of Jerusalem, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me. <sup>19</sup>And I said, Lord, they know that I was imprisoning and beating those who believed on You throughout the synagogues. <sup>20</sup>And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was poured out, I also was standing by and consenting to his death, and holding the garments of those who killed him. <sup>21</sup>And He said to me, Go, for I will send you far away to the nations.

<sup>22</sup>And they listened to him until this word, and then they lifted up their voice, saying, Take such a one from the earth! For it is not fitting that he should live. <sup>23</sup>And as they shouted and tore their garments, and threw dust into the air, <sup>24</sup>the chiliarch commanded him to be brought into the fortress, saying for him to be examined by scourging, so that he might know why they cried out so against him.

<sup>25</sup>And as they stretched him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman and uncondemned? <sup>26</sup>And hearing, coming near the centurion reported to the chiliarch, saying, Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman. <sup>27</sup>And coming up the chiliarch said to him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And He said, Yes. <sup>28</sup>And the chiliarch answered, With a great sum I bought this citizenship. And Paul said, But I was even born free. <sup>29</sup>Then immediately, those being about to examine him stood away from him. And the chiliarch also was afraid, fully knowing that he was a Roman, and that he had bound him. <sup>30</sup>On the next day, he desiring to know with certainty why he was accused by the Jews, he freed him from his bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their sanhedrin to appear. And bringing Paul down, he set him among them.

## CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup>And looking earnestly on the sanhedrin, Paul said, Men, brothers, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. <sup>2</sup>And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup>Then Paul said to him, God shall strike you, whitened wall! For do you sit judging me according to the law, and against law command me to be stricken? <sup>4</sup>And they who stood by him said, Do you revile God's high priest? <sup>5</sup>Then Paul said, I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest; for it is written, "You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people." <sup>6</sup>But when Paul saw that the one part were Sadducees and the other part Pharisees, he cried out in the sanhedrin, Men! Brothers! I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee! I am called in question because of the hope and resurrection of the dead. <sup>7</sup>And when he had said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the multitude was divided. <sup>8</sup>For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. <sup>9</sup>And there arose a great cry. And the scribes who were on the Pharisees' side arose and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man. But if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God. <sup>10</sup>And when there arose a great dissension, the chiliarch, fearing lest Paul should have been

pulled in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and to take him from among them by force, and to bring him into the fortress. <sup>11</sup>And the following night the Lord stood by him and said, Be of good cheer, Paul, for as you have testified of Me in Jerusalem, so you also must bear witness at Rome.

<sup>12</sup>And when it became day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. <sup>13</sup>And they who made this conspiracy were more than forty. <sup>14</sup>And they came to the chief priests and elders and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul. <sup>15</sup>Now therefore you, with the sanhedrin, make known to the chiliarch that he bring him down to you tomorrow, as though you would inquire something more perfectly regarding him. And we are ready to put him to death before he comes near. <sup>16</sup>And hearing of the ambush, Paul's sister's son, having come near, and entering into the fortress, he reported to Paul. <sup>17</sup>And calling one of the centurions, Paul said, Bring this young man to the chiliarch, for he has a certain thing to tell him. <sup>18</sup>So he took him and brought *him* to the chiliarch and said, Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, who has something to say to you. <sup>19</sup>And laying hold of his hand, and drawing aside privately, the chiliarch asked *him*, What is it that you have to tell me? <sup>20</sup>And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the sanhedrin tomorrow, as though they would inquire something more exactly about him. <sup>21</sup>But do not yield to them, for there are more than forty men of them lying in wait for him, who have bound themselves with an oath that they will neither eat nor drink until they have killed him. And now they are ready, looking for a promise from you.

<sup>22</sup>So the chiliarch sent away the young man commanding, Tell no one that you have shown these things to me. <sup>23</sup>And he called two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at the third hour of the night. <sup>24</sup>And provide animals, so that they may set Paul on them and bring *him* safe to Felix the governor. <sup>25</sup>And he wrote a letter in this way: <sup>26</sup>Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, greetings. <sup>27</sup>This man was taken by the Jews and would have been killed by them. Then I came with an army and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. <sup>28</sup>And being minded to know the charge for which they accused him, I brought him down to their sanhedrin; <sup>29</sup>whom I found be accused of questions of their law, and having no charge worthy of death or of bonds. <sup>30</sup>And it being revealed to me that a plot against the man was about to be *executed* by the Jews, I immediately sent him to you, commanding his accusers also to say before you what *they had* against him. Farewell.

<sup>31</sup>Then, indeed, taking up Paul, as it was commanded them, the soldiers brought *him* by night to Antipatris. <sup>32</sup>And on the next day they left the horsemen to go with him and returned to the fortress. <sup>33</sup>And when they had come to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul before him also. <sup>34</sup>And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that *he* was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup>he said, I will hear you when your accusers have also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>1</sup>And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders and with a certain orator, Tertullus, who made a statement to the governor against Paul. <sup>2</sup>And being called, Tertullus began to accuse, saying, Since we enjoy great quietness by you, and very worthy deeds are done to this nation due to your

forethought, <sup>3</sup>in everything and everywhere, most noble Felix, we accept with all thankfulness. <sup>4</sup>But that I not hinder you further, I beseech you to hear us briefly in your fairness. <sup>5</sup>For we have found this man pestilent, and moving rebellion among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes, <sup>6</sup>who also attempted to profane the temple, whom we took and would have judged according to our law. <sup>7</sup>But the chiliarch Lysias came with much force, taking *him* away out of our hands, <sup>8</sup>commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him, you yourself may know about all these things of which we accuse him. <sup>9</sup>And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

<sup>10</sup>But the governor motioning to him to speak, Paul answered;

Understanding you as being a judge of this nation many years, I cheerfully defend myself *as to* the things concerning myself. <sup>11</sup>You can know that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>12</sup>And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, nor making a gathering of a crowd; not even in the synagogues, nor throughout the city. <sup>13</sup>Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me. <sup>14</sup>But I confess this to you, that after the Way which they call heresy, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things that are written in the law and in the prophets. <sup>15</sup>And I have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. <sup>16</sup>And in this I exercise myself, always to have a blameless conscience toward God and men. <sup>17</sup>And after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation. <sup>18</sup>Among which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd nor with tumult. <sup>19</sup>*These* ought to be present before you and to accuse *me*, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or else let these themselves say if they have found anything unjust in me while I stood before the sanhedrin, <sup>21</sup>unless it may be for this one voice that I cried out standing among them, that concerning a resurrection of *the* dead I am being judged by you today.

<sup>22</sup>And having heard these things, Felix put them off, knowing more accurately of the Way, saying, When Lysias the chiliarch has come down, I will examine the things concerning you. <sup>23</sup>And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul and to *let* him have liberty, and not to forbid anyone of his own to minister or come to him.

<sup>24</sup>Then after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. <sup>25</sup>And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and the Judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go for this time, but taking time later, I will call for you. <sup>26</sup>He also hoped that silver would be given him by Paul, that he might free him. Therefore *he* also frequently sent for him *and* talked with him. <sup>27</sup>But after two years Felix welcomed a successor, Porcius Festus. And wishing to show a favor to the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup>Then entering the province, after three days Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>And the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and they begged him <sup>3</sup>asking a favor against him that he would send for him to Jerusalem, making a plot to kill him on way. <sup>4</sup>Then indeed Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea; he himself would depart shortly. <sup>5</sup>Then he said, those having power among may go down with *me*. If there is a thing amiss in this man, let them accuse him. <sup>6</sup>And staying among them more than ten days, going down to Caesarea, on the next day sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup>And he having come, the Jews who came down from Jerusalem stood around and brought many charges against Paul, which they



could not prove. <sup>8</sup>Defending himself, *Paul* said, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended *in* anything.

<sup>9</sup>But Festus, wanting to please the Jews, answered Paul and said, Will you go up to Jerusalem and be judged there before me about these things? <sup>10</sup>But Paul said, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. <sup>11</sup>For if I am an offender or have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which these accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar. <sup>12</sup>Then conferring with the sanhedrin, Festus answered, You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go.

<sup>13</sup>And after some days king Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus. <sup>14</sup>And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause to the king, saying, A certain man has been left in bonds by Felix, <sup>15</sup>about whom, when I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, desiring judgment against him. <sup>16</sup>To *them* I answered, It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before he being accused may have the accusers face to face, and have had freedom to answer for himself concerning the accusation. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, when they had come here, without any delay I sat on the judgment seat the next day and commanded the man to be brought, <sup>18</sup>about whom, standing up, the accusers brought against him no charge of which I suspected, <sup>19</sup>but they had certain questions about *their* own demon-worship, and about a certain Jesus dying, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. <sup>20</sup>And because I was perplexed about this question, I asked whether he would go to Jerusalem and be judged there about these matters. <sup>21</sup>But Paul having appealed to be reserved to the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be held until I might send him to Caesar.

<sup>22</sup>And Agrippa said to Festus, I also would like to hear the man myself. And he said, Tomorrow you shall hear him. <sup>23</sup>And on the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp and had entered into the place of hearing with both the chiliarchs and principal men of the city, also Festus commanding, Paul was brought out. <sup>24</sup>And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all those men present with us, you see this one about whom all the multitude of the Jews pleaded with me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. <sup>25</sup>But I had perceived nothing he had committed worthy of death, and that he himself has appealed to Augustus, I determined to send him, <sup>26</sup>about whom I have no certain thing to write of him to my lord. Therefore I brought him before you, and especially before you, O king Agrippa, so that, after examination is made, I might have something to write. <sup>27</sup>For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not to signify the charges against him.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>And Agrippa said to Paul, You are permitted to speak for yourself. Then stretching out *his* hand, Paul made a defense:

<sup>2</sup>Concerning all of which I am accused by Jews, king Agrippa, I think myself happy being about to make defense before you today, <sup>3</sup>you being especially expert in all customs and questions among the Jews. Therefore I beseech you to hear me patiently. <sup>4</sup>Truly, then, all the Jews know my manner of life from *my* youth, which was at first among my own nation at Jerusalem, <sup>5</sup>who knew me from the first, if they would testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup>And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made to our fathers by God, <sup>7</sup>to which *promise* our twelve tribes hope to attain, serving God fervently night and day. For the sake of this hope, king Agrippa, I am accused

by the Jews. <sup>8</sup>Why is it thought a thing incredible with you that God raises *the* dead?

<sup>9</sup>I truly thought within myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth, <sup>10</sup>which I also did in Jerusalem. And I shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests. And they being put to death, I cast a vote. <sup>11</sup>And I punished them often in every synagogue; I compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly furious against them, I persecuted them even to the outside cities.

<sup>12</sup>In which *pursuit* also traveling to Damascus with authority and a decision-power from the chief priests, <sup>13</sup>at midday, along the highway, *O* king, I and those with me saw a light from Heaven, brighter than the sun; shining around me. <sup>14</sup>And all of us falling to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew dialect, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads. <sup>15</sup>And I said, Who are you, lord? And He said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. <sup>16</sup>But rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of what you saw, and in what I shall appear to you; <sup>17</sup>delivering you from the people and the nations, to whom I now send you <sup>18</sup>in order to open their eyes so that *they* may turn from darkness to light, and *from* the authority of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

<sup>19</sup>After this, king Agrippa, I did not disobey the heavenly vision. <sup>20</sup>But to those first in Damascus, and Jerusalem, and to all the country of Judea, and to the nations, I made known *the command* to repent and to turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance <sup>21</sup>Because of these things, having caught *me* in the temple, The Jews tried to kill *me*. <sup>22</sup>Then having obtained help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said was going to happen; <sup>23</sup>*that* Christ should suffer, that by a resurrection of *the* dead, He would be the first, going to proclaim light to the people and to the nations.

<sup>24</sup>And he defending himself *with* these things, Festus said with a *loud* voice, Paul, you rave! Your many letters turn *you* to insanity. <sup>25</sup>But he said, Not to insanity, most noble Festus, but I speak words of truth and sanity. <sup>26</sup>For the king understands about these things, to whom I speak, even being bold of speech. For I am persuaded that not any of these things are hidden *from* him, nothing. For the doing of this was not in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe. <sup>28</sup>And Agrippa said to Paul, Do you persuade me to be a Christian in *but* a little? <sup>29</sup>And Paul said, I would pray to God, both in a little and in much, that not only you, but also all hearing me today to become as I also am, except for these bonds.

<sup>30</sup>And he having spoken this, the king and the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them rose up. <sup>31</sup>And withdrawing, they spoke with one another, saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds. <sup>32</sup>And Agrippa said to Festus, This man might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed to Caesar.

## CHAPTER 27

<sup>1</sup>And when it was determined that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' cohort. <sup>2</sup>And boarding a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail alongside Asian places, we set sail, Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, being with us. <sup>3</sup>And on the next *day* we were landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul

courteously and gave *him* liberty to go to *his* friends to receive care. <sup>4</sup>And setting sail from there, we sailed close to Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. <sup>5</sup>And sailing over the sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia. <sup>6</sup>And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing to Italy, and he put us on it. <sup>7</sup>And sailing slowly many days and with difficulty, coming abreast of Cnidus; the wind not allowing us; we sailed close to Crete, across from Salmone. <sup>8</sup>And coasting along with difficulty, we came to a place named Fair Havens, near which was a city, Lasea. <sup>9</sup>And much time having been used up, and the voyage already being dangerous, because the Fast was now already past, Paul warned them, <sup>10</sup>saying, Men, I perceive that this voyage is about to be with much harm and loss, and not only much cargo and of the ship, but also of our souls. <sup>11</sup>But the centurion was rather persuaded by the helmsman and the shipmaster, than by the things spoken by Paul. <sup>12</sup>And the port not being fit to winter in, the most of them advised to set sail from there, if by any means they might be able to get to Phoenix to winter; which is a port of Crete, looking toward *the* southwest and northwest. <sup>13</sup>And a south wind blowing softly, thinking to have obtained their purpose, lifting anchor, they sailed along close beside Crete.

<sup>14</sup>But not long after, a stormy wind called Euroclydon beat down *on it*. <sup>15</sup>And the ship being seized, and not being able to beat against the wind, giving way we were borne along. <sup>16</sup>And running under an islet being called Claudia, we hardly were able to become masters of the boat; <sup>17</sup>which taking, they used helps, undergirding the ship. And fearing lest they should fall into the sandbanks of Syrtis, lowering the tackle, so they were borne along. <sup>18</sup>And being exceedingly storm-tossed with a tempest, they made a casting on the next *day*; <sup>19</sup>And on the third *day* we threw out the ship's tackle with *our* hands. <sup>20</sup>And neither sun nor stars appearing in many days, and no small tempest pressing hard, now all hope that we would be saved was taken away. <sup>21</sup>But there being much fasting, then standing up in their midst, Paul said, O men, being obedient to me you ought not to have set sail from Crete, and to have come by this harm and loss. <sup>22</sup>And now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there will be no casting away of life among you, only of the ship. <sup>23</sup>For tonight an angel of God stood beside me, whose I am and whom I serve, <sup>24</sup>saying, Fear not, Paul! You must stand before Caesar. And behold! God has given you all those who sail with you. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, men, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it will be so, according to the way it was told me. <sup>26</sup>But we must fall on a certain island.

<sup>27</sup>But when the fourteenth night came, we being carried about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors thought *that they* drew near some country. <sup>28</sup>And sounding they found *it* twenty fathoms; and moving little further, and sounding again, they found *it* fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup>And fearing that we would fall on rocks, and casting four anchors out of *the* stern, they wished day to come. <sup>30</sup>But the sailors seeking to flee out of the ship, and lowering the boat into the sea, pretending to be about to cast out anchors from *the* prow, <sup>31</sup>Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Unless these remain in the ship, you cannot be saved. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers cut the ropes of the boat, and let her fall.

<sup>33</sup>And until day was about to come, Paul begged all to take food, saying, This is *the* fourteenth day that you continued waiting without food, having taken nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I beg you to take some food, for this is for your deliverance. For not a hair fall from the head of any one of you. <sup>35</sup>And saying these things, and taking bread, he gave thanks to God before all, and breaking, *he* began to eat.

<sup>36</sup>And all becoming cheered, they also took food. <sup>37</sup>And we were, all the souls in the ship, two hundred and seventy-six. <sup>38</sup>And being filled with food, they lightened the ship, throwing the wheat into the sea. <sup>39</sup>And when day came, they

did not recognize the land. But they discovered a certain bay with a beach, into which they were minded, if they were able, to drive the ship. <sup>40</sup>And casting off the anchors, they left *them* in the sea; at the same time they loosened the rudder bands and hoisted up the foresail to the wind and held to the shore. <sup>41</sup>And coming on a place between two seas, they drove the vessel. And indeed the prow sticking fast, *it* remained unmovable. But the stern was broken with the violence of the waves. <sup>42</sup>And the mind of the soldiers was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out and escape. <sup>43</sup>But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, kept them from their purpose and commanded those who could swim, to throw *themselves* overboard, to go out on the land. <sup>44</sup>And the rest *went*, some on boards and others on some of the things from the ship. And so it happened that all were saved on the land.

## CHAPTER 28

<sup>1</sup>And being saved, then they knew that the island was called Melita. <sup>2</sup>And the foreigners showed us not the common kindness. For *they* kindled a fire and welcomed all of us, because of the rain coming on, and because of the cold. <sup>3</sup>And Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laying them on the fire, a viper came out of the heat and fastened on his hand. <sup>4</sup>And when the foreigners saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, being saved from the sea, Justice has not allowed to live. <sup>5</sup>Then indeed he shook off the creature into the fire, suffering no harm. <sup>6</sup>But they expected him to be about to become inflamed, or to fall down dead suddenly, But over much *time* expecting and seeing nothing amiss happening to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

<sup>7</sup>In the *quarters* about that place were lands to the chief of the island, whose name was Publius. Welcoming us, *he* lodged us courteously three days. <sup>8</sup>And it happened the father of Publius was lying down, suffering fevers and dysentery; to whom Paul entered in, and praying and laying on his hands, *he* healed him. <sup>9</sup>Then this taking place, the rest who were having infirmities in the island also came, and were healed. <sup>10</sup>*They* also honored us with many honors. And on *our* setting sail, they lay on us with such things as were necessary.

<sup>11</sup>And after three months we sailed in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, an Alexandrian with an ensign, *The Twin Brothers*. <sup>12</sup>And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. <sup>13</sup>Going around from there we arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind coming on, we came to Puteoli on the second, <sup>14</sup>where finding brothers, we were asked to stay seven days. And so we went toward Rome. <sup>15</sup>And the brothers from there hearing of us, they came to meet us as far as *the* market-place of Appius, and Three Taverns. Seeing *them*, thanking God, Paul took courage. <sup>16</sup>And when we came into Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the camp commander. But Paul was allowed to dwell by himself, with a soldier guarding him.

<sup>17</sup>And after three days it happened that Paul called together those being chief of the Jews. And they coming together, he said to them, Men, brothers, I did nothing against the people or customs of our fathers. I was delivered a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans <sup>18</sup>who, examining me, were of a mind to let me go because there was no cause of death in me. <sup>19</sup>But the Jews speaking against *it*, I was constrained to appeal to Caesar; not as having anything to accuse my nation. <sup>20</sup>For this cause, then, I called for you, to see and to speak with *you*. For I have this chain around *me* for the hope of Israel. <sup>21</sup>And they said to him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brothers who came declared or spoke anything evil of you. <sup>22</sup>But we think it

right to hear from you what you think. For truly as concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere. <sup>23</sup>And they having appointed him a day, many came to him in his lodging; to whom he expounded, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them the things concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets, from morning until evening. <sup>24</sup>And some indeed believed the things that were said, others did not believe. <sup>25</sup>And disagreeing with one another, they were let go, Paul saying one word: Well did the Holy Spirit speak through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, <sup>26</sup>saying, "Go to this people and say: Hearing you shall hear and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see and not perceive. <sup>27</sup>For the heart of this people was fattened, and they have heard with their ears dully; and they closed *their* eyes; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." <sup>28</sup>Therefore be it known to you that the salvation of God is sent to the nations, and they will hear. <sup>29</sup>And he having said these words, the Jews departed, having much discussion amongst themselves.

<sup>30</sup>And Paul remained two years in *his* own hired house. And *he* welcomed all who came in to him, <sup>31</sup>proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching those things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all freedom, and without hindrance.

# THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, a called apostle, separated to the gospel of God — <sup>2</sup>(which He had promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures), the gospel <sup>3</sup>about His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>who was marked out *the* Son of God in power, according to *the* Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from *the* dead; <sup>5</sup>by whom we have received grace and apostleship, to obedience to the faith among all nations, for His name — <sup>6</sup>among whom you also are the called-out ones of Jesus Christ: <sup>7</sup>to all those who are in Rome, beloved of God, called-out saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. <sup>9</sup>For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers — <sup>10</sup>making request if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come to you. <sup>11</sup>For I long to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to you for the establishing of you. <sup>12</sup>And this is, that to be comforted together with you by our mutual faith, both yours and mine.

<sup>13</sup>But I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that oftentimes I purposed to come to you, and was kept back until the present; that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other nations. <sup>14</sup>I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the foreigners, both to the wise and to the unwise. <sup>15</sup>So, as much as is in me *lies*, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are at Rome also. <sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is *the* power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith — as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed *it* to them. <sup>20</sup>For the unseen things of Him from *the* creation of *the* world being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; for them to be without excuse. <sup>21</sup>Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. <sup>25</sup>For *they* changed the truth of God into a lie, and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>For this cause, God gave them up to dishonorable affections. For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature. <sup>27</sup>And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another; males with males working out shameful, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was fitting for their error. <sup>28</sup>And even as they did not think fit to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things not right, <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; *being* full of envy, murder,

quarrels, deceit, evil habits, *becoming* whisperers, <sup>30</sup>backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud, braggarts, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>without discernment, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup>who, knowing the righteous order of God, that those practicing such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but have pleasure in those practicing *them*.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore you are without excuse, O man, everyone who judges; for in that in which you judge another, you condemn yourself, for you who judge do the same things. <sup>2</sup>But know that the judgment of God is according to truth on those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup>And, O man, the *one* judging those who do such things, and practice them, do you think this, that you shall escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and the forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>But according to your hardness and *your* impenitent heart, do you treasure up wrath for yourself in a day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup>who will render to each according to his works; <sup>7</sup>indeed to those who with patience *in* good work *are* seeking for glory, and honor, and incorruptibility, everlasting life. <sup>8</sup>But to those who even disobey out of self-interest, but obey unrighteousness, *it will be* anger and wrath, <sup>9</sup>tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man who has worked out evil; of the Jew first, and also of the Greek. <sup>10</sup>But *He will give* glory, honor and peace to every man who works good, to *the* Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For there is no respect of persons with God. <sup>12</sup>For as many as sinned without Law will also perish without Law. And as many as have sinned within Law shall be judged through Law. <sup>13</sup>For *it is* not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. <sup>14</sup>For when the nations, who do not have the Law, do by nature the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law unto themselves; <sup>15</sup>who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and the thoughts between one another accusing or else excusing one another, <sup>16</sup>in a day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

<sup>17</sup>Behold, you are called a Jew, and rest in the Law, and boast in God; <sup>18</sup>and know *His* will and approve the things excelling, being instructed out of the Law; <sup>19</sup>and persuading yourselves to be a guide of the blind, a light to those in darkness; <sup>20</sup>an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, who have the form of knowledge and of the truth in the Law. <sup>21</sup>Therefore the *one* teaching another, do you not teach yourself? The *one* preaching not to steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup>The *one* saying not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? *The one* detesting idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup>*You* who boast in Law, do you dishonor God through breaking the Law? <sup>24</sup>For the name of God is blasphemed among the nations because of you, as it is written. <sup>25</sup>For circumcision truly profits if you keep *the* Law, but if you are a transgressor of the Law, circumcision becomes uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup>If then the uncircumcision keeps the ordinances of the Law, *shall* not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? <sup>27</sup>And the uncircumcision *which is* by nature, if it fulfills the Law, shall it *not* judge you, *who* through letter and circumcision *become* transgressors of the Law? <sup>28</sup>For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is one* outwardly in flesh; <sup>29</sup>but he is a Jew who *is one* inwardly, and circumcision *is of the* heart; in spirit and not in letter; whose praise *is* not from men, but from God.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Then what *is* the superiority of the Jew? Or what *is* the profit of circumcision?  
<sup>2</sup>Much, by every way! Chiefly, indeed, because they were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup>For what? If some did not believe, will not their unbelief nullify the faith of God? <sup>4</sup>Let it not be! But let God be true, and every man a liar; as it is written, "That You might be justified in Your sayings, and will overcome when You are judged." <sup>5</sup>But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who lays on wrath? (I speak as a man.) <sup>6</sup>Let it not be! For then how shall God judge the world? <sup>7</sup>For if in my lie the truth has more abounded to His glory why am I still judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup>And not *rather*, (as we are wrongly accused, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do bad things that good may come? — whose condemnation is just.

<sup>9</sup>What then? Do we excel? No, in no way; for we have before charged both Jews and Greeks all *with* being under sin, <sup>10</sup>as it is written: "There is none righteous, no not one; <sup>11</sup>there is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God." <sup>12</sup>"They are all gone out of the way, *they* have together become unprofitable, there is none that does good, no, not one." <sup>13</sup>"Their throat *is* an open grave, with their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asps *in* under their lips; <sup>14</sup>whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness;" <sup>15</sup>"their feet *are* swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup>destruction and misery *are* in their way, <sup>17</sup>and the way of peace they did not know." <sup>18</sup>"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

<sup>19</sup>But we know that whatever things the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law; so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may be under judgment before God, <sup>20</sup>because by the works of the Law none of all flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *is* the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now a righteousness of God has been revealed from the Law, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets; <sup>22</sup>even the righteousness of God through *the* faith of Jesus Christ, toward all and upon all those who believe. For there is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup>whom God has set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness through the passing by of the sins that had taken place before, in the forbearance of God; <sup>26</sup>to declare His righteousness at this time, that He might be just and the Justifier of him *is* of *the* faith of Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then where *is* the boasting? It is excluded. Through what law? Of works? No, but through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the works of the law. <sup>29</sup>Or *is* He the God of the Jews only, and not also of the nations? Yes, of *the* nations also, <sup>30</sup>since *it is* one God who will justify circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. <sup>31</sup>Do we then make the Law void through faith? Let it not be! But we establish the Law.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say that our father Abraham has found, according to flesh?  
<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast; but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." <sup>4</sup>But *to* him working, the reward is not reckoned according to grace, but according to debt. <sup>5</sup>But to him not working, but believing on Him justifying the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Even as David also says of the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness without works, <sup>7</sup>saying, "Blessed *are* those whose lawlessnesses are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed *is* the man to whom *the* Lord will in no way impute sin." <sup>9</sup>*Is* this blessedness then on the circumcision *only*, or on the uncircumcision also?



For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. <sup>10</sup>How then was it reckoned? Being in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. <sup>11</sup>And he received a sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised; so that he might be the father of all those who believe though circumcision, for righteousness to be imputed to them also; <sup>12</sup>and a father of circumcision to those not of the circumcision only, but also to those walking by the steps of the faith of our father Abraham during uncircumcision.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he should be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if they who *are* of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is made of no effect; <sup>15</sup>because the Law works out wrath, for where no law is, *there is* no transgression. <sup>16</sup>Therefore *it is* of faith so that *it be* according to grace; for the promise to be made sure to all the seed, not only to that which is of the Law, but to that also which is of *the* faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup>(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") – before God, whom he believed, who makes the dead live, and calls thee things which are not as though they were. <sup>18</sup>For in hope *he* believed against hope that he would become the father of many nations (according to that which was spoken, "So your seed shall be"). <sup>19</sup>And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body already dead (being about a hundred years *old*) or the deadening of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>He did not stagger at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup>And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. <sup>23</sup>Now it was not written for him alone that it was imputed to him, <sup>24</sup>but for us also to whom it is to be imputed, to the ones believing on Him who has raised up Jesus our Lord from *the* dead; <sup>25</sup>who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through Him we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice on the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only this, but we glory in afflictions also, knowing that afflictions work out patience, <sup>4</sup>and patience *works out* experience, and experience *works out* hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not make *us* ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit given to us. <sup>6</sup>For we yet being without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will with difficulty die for a righteous man, yet perhaps one would even dare to die for a good man. <sup>8</sup>But God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup>For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup>And not only *so*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, even as through one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed on all men inasmuch as all sinned: <sup>13</sup>for until the Law sin was in *the* world, but sin is not imputed *when* there is no law. <sup>14</sup>But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is the type of *Him* who was to come; <sup>15</sup>but the free gift *shall* not be also like the offense. For if by the offense of the one many died, much more the grace of God, and the gift in grace; which *is* of the one Man,

Jesus Christ, abounded to many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift *shall not be* as by one having sinned; (for indeed the judgment *was* of one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offenses to justification. <sup>17</sup>For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much more they who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.) <sup>18</sup>Therefore as by one offense sentence came on all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of One *the free gift came* to all men to justification of life. <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>But the Law entered so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, <sup>21</sup>so that as sin has reigned to death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Let it not be! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from *the* dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been joined together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection; <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup>For *he* who died has been justified from sin.

<sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup>knowing that when Christ was raised from *the* dead, *He* dies no more; death does not have any more dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For in that He died, He died to sin once; but in that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Likewise count yourselves also to be truly dead to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup>Do not yield your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but yield yourselves to God, as those who are alive from *the* dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under Law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under Law, but under grace? Let it not be! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness. <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to our God that you were the slaves of sin, but you have obeyed from *the* heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. <sup>18</sup>Then being made free from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I speak in the manner of men because of the weakness of your flesh; for as you have yielded your members *as* slaves to uncleanness, and to lawless act unto lawless act, even so now yield your members *as* slaves to righteousness unto holiness. <sup>20</sup>For when you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What fruit did you have then in those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. <sup>22</sup>But now, being made free from sin, and having become slaves to God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end everlasting life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Or are you ignorant, brothers; for I speak to those who know the Law; that the Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For the married woman

was bound by law to the living husband for as long as he lives. But if the husband is dead, she is set free from the law of her husband. <sup>3</sup>So then *if*, while her husband lives, she is married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, *so that* she is no adulteress by becoming another man's *wife*. <sup>4</sup>So, my brothers, you also have become dead to the Law by the body of Christ *so that* you should be married to Another, even to Him raised from *the* dead, that we should bring forth fruit to God. <sup>5</sup>For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sin worked in our members through the Law to bring forth fruit to death. <sup>6</sup>But now we having been set free from the Law, having died *to that* in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not *in* oldness of the letter.

<sup>7</sup>What shall we say then? *Is* the Law sin? Let it not be *said!* But I did not know sin except through the Law. For also I did not know lust except the Law said, You shall not lust. <sup>8</sup>But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, worked in me all kinds of lust. For apart from law sin *was* dead. <sup>9</sup>For I was alive without the Law once. But when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. <sup>10</sup>And the commandment, which *was* to life, was found *to be* death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So indeed the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. <sup>13</sup>Then has *that which is* good become death to me? Let it not be! But sin, that it might appear *to be* sin, working death in me by that which is good; in order that sin might become exceedingly sinful by the commandment.

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For that which I do, I know not. For what I desire, that I do not do; but what I hate, that I do. <sup>16</sup>If then I do that which I do not desire, I consent to the Law that *it is* good. <sup>17</sup>But now it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells no good thing. For to will is present with me, but *how* to perform that which is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good that I desire; but the evil which I do not will, that I do. <sup>20</sup>But if I do what I do not desire, *it is* no more I working it out, but sin dwelling in me. <sup>21</sup>I find then a law: *when* I will to do the right, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin being in my members. <sup>24</sup>O wretched man *that I am!* Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? <sup>25</sup>I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve *the* law of God, but *with* the flesh *the* law of sin.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>But the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son *in the* likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; <sup>4</sup>so that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For they who are according to the flesh mind the things of flesh, but they who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace <sup>7</sup>because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can *it be*. <sup>8</sup>So then they who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh, but in *the* Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. <sup>10</sup>And if Christ *is* in

you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of the *One* who raised up Jesus from *the* dead dwells in you, the *One* who raised up Christ from *the* dead shall also make your mortal bodies alive by His Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die. But if you through *the* Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by *the* Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba, Father! <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. <sup>17</sup>And if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; so that if we suffer with Him, we may also be glorified together.

<sup>18</sup>For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the earnest expectation of the creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but because of Him who subjected *it* on hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>And we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only *so*, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, awaiting adoption, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup>For we are saved by hope. But hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man sees, why does he still hope for it? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for that which we do not see, then we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities. For we do not know what we should pray *for* as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup>And He searching the hearts knows what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will* of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup>For whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be the First-born among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>whom He predestinated, these He also called; and whom He called, those He also justified. And whom He justified, these He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>Truly *He* who did not spare *His* own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who *is he* condemning? *It is* Christ who has died, but also *who is* raised, who is also at *the right hand* of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day long. We are counted as sheep of slaughter." <sup>37</sup>But in all these things we more than conquer through *Him* who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>I tell *the* truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in *the* Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup>that I have great heaviness and continual pain in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I myself was wishing to be accursed from Christ for my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>who are Israelites; to whom *belong* the adoption, and the

glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>*whose are* the fathers, and of whom *is* the Christ according to flesh, He being God over all, blessed forever. Amen. <sup>6</sup>Not however that the word of God has failed, for not all those of Israel *are* Israel; <sup>7</sup>nor because they are the seed of Abraham *are* they all children. But, "In Isaac shall your Seed be called." <sup>8</sup>That is, not the children of the flesh *are* children of God; but the children of the promise *are* counted for a seed. <sup>9</sup>For *this is* the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only *this*, but when Rebekah also had conceived by one, by our father Isaac <sup>11</sup>(*for the children* had not yet been born, neither had done any good or evil; but that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of *Him* who called,) <sup>12</sup>it was said to her, The elder shall serve the younger. <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

<sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? *Is there* not unrighteousness with God? Let it not be!

<sup>15</sup>For He said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." <sup>16</sup>So then *it is* not of the *one* willing, nor of the *one* running, but of God, the *One* showing mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "Even for this same purpose I have raised you up, that I might show My power in you, and that My name might be declared throughout all the earth." <sup>18</sup>Therefore He has mercy on whom *He will* have mercy, and whom He will, He hardens.

<sup>19</sup>You will then say to me, Why does He yet find fault? For who has resisted His will? <sup>20</sup>No, but, O man, who are you who replies against God? Shall the thing formed say to *Him* who formed *it*, Why have you made me this way? <sup>21</sup>Does not the potter power *over* the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel to honor and another to dishonor? <sup>22</sup>What if God, willing to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction; <sup>23</sup>and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy which He had before prepared to glory; <sup>24</sup>whom He also called, not only us, of Jews, but also of the nations? <sup>25</sup>As He also says in Hosea, "I will call those not My people, My people; and those not beloved, Beloved." <sup>26</sup>And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them. "You are not My people; there they shall be called sons of the living God." <sup>27</sup>Isaiah also cries concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel is as the sands of the sea, a remnant shall be saved. <sup>28</sup>For *He is* bringing *the* matter to an end, and cutting short in righteousness, because *the* Lord will make a short work on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And as Isaiah said before, "Unless *the* Lord of hosts had left us a seed, we would have been as Sodom, and would have been like Gomorrah."

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say then? That *the* nations, who did not follow after righteousness have taken on righteousness, but a righteousness of faith. <sup>31</sup>But Israel, who followed after a law of righteousness did not arrive at a law of righteousness. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because *it was* not of faith, but as it were by the works of the Law. For they stumbled at that Stumbling-stone; <sup>33</sup>as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a Stumbling-stone and a Rock-of-offense, and everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame."

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, truly my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is for *it* to be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear record to them that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup>For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness for

everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup>For Moses writes of the righteousness which is of the Law, <sup>6</sup>“The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness of faith says this: “Do not say in your heart, Who shall ascend into Heaven?”; that is, to bring Christ down; <sup>7</sup>or “Who shall descend into the deep?”; that is, to bring up Christ again from *the* dead. <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, *even* in your mouth and in your heart”; that is, the word of faith which we proclaim; <sup>9</sup>Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from *the* dead, you shall be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with *the* heart *one* believes unto righteousness, and with *the* mouth *one* confesses unto salvation. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame. <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference both of Jew and of Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call on Him. <sup>13</sup>For everyone, whoever shall call on the name of *the* Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!”

<sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup>Then faith *is* of hearing, and hearing by the word of God. <sup>18</sup>But I say, Have they not heard? Yes indeed, their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. <sup>19</sup>But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses says, “I will provoke you to jealousy by *those who are* no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.” <sup>20</sup>But Isaiah *is* very bold and says, “I was found by those who did not seek Me, I became known to those who did not ask after Me.” <sup>21</sup>But to Israel He says, “All day long I have stretched forth My hands to a disobeying and gainsaying people.”

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>I say then, Did not God put away His people? Let it not be *said!* For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of *the* tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God did not thrust out His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture said in Elijah, how he pleaded with God against Israel, saying, <sup>3</sup>“Lord, they killed Your prophets and dug down Your altars, and I am left alone, and they seek my life.” <sup>4</sup>But what does the Divine answer say to him? “I have reserved to Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” <sup>5</sup>Even so then, also in this present time a remnant according to *the* election of grace has come into being. <sup>6</sup>But if by grace, then *it is* no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it is* of works, then it is no more of grace; otherwise work is no more work. <sup>7</sup>What then? Israel has not obtained that which it seeks, but the election obtained *it*, and the rest were hardened <sup>8</sup>even as it is written, “God gave to them a spirit of slumber, eyes not seeing, and ears not hearing” until this day. <sup>9</sup>And David said, “Let their table become for a snare and a trap and a stumbling-block and a recompense to them. <sup>10</sup>Let their eyes be darkened so that they may not see, and their back always bowing.”

<sup>11</sup>I say then, Did they not stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away *came* salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy. <sup>12</sup>But if their slipping away *is the* riches of *the* world, and their default *is the* riches of the nations, how much more their fullness? <sup>13</sup>For I speak to you, the nations; since I am the apostle of *the* nations, I glorify my ministry; <sup>14</sup>if by any means I may provoke those who are my flesh to jealousy, and might save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their casting away *is the* reconciling of the world, what *is* the reception except life from *the* dead? <sup>16</sup>For if the first-fruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also holy; and if the root *is*

holy, also the branches. <sup>17</sup>And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them, <sup>18</sup>do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, *it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you.* <sup>19</sup>You will say then, The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in. <sup>20</sup>Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, lest He also may not spare you either! <sup>22</sup>Behold then *the kindness, and the severity of God; on those having fallen, severity; but on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.* <sup>23</sup>And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more these *being* according to nature will be grafted into *their own olive-tree?*

<sup>25</sup>For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, lest you should be wise within yourselves; that blindness *in part* has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the nations has come in. <sup>26</sup>And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob." <sup>27</sup>For this is My covenant with them, when I have taken away their sins." <sup>28</sup>Indeed as regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes. But as regards the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. <sup>29</sup>For the free gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance. <sup>30</sup>For as you also then disbelieved God, but now have been shown mercy through their disbelief, <sup>31</sup>even so these also have not believed now, so that through your mercy they may also obtain mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has shut up all in unbelief, so that He might show mercy to all.

<sup>33</sup>O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments, and His ways past finding out! <sup>34</sup>For who has known the mind of *the* Lord, or who became His counselor? <sup>35</sup>Or who first gave to Him, and it will be repaid to him? <sup>36</sup>For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things; to Him *be* glory forever! Amen.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what *is* that good and pleasing and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup>For I say, through the grace given to me, to every man who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think. But set your mind to be right-minded, even as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. <sup>4</sup>For even as we have many members in one body, and all members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we the many are one body in Christ, and each one members of one another. <sup>6</sup>Then having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, if prophecy, according to the proportion of faith; <sup>7</sup>or ministry, in the ministry; or he who teaches, in the teaching; <sup>8</sup>or he who exhorts, in the encouragement; or he who shares, in simplicity; *or* he who takes the lead, in diligence; *or* he who shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup>Let love *be* without hypocrisy, shrinking from evil, cleaving to good; <sup>10</sup>in brotherly love to one another, loving fervently, having led one another in honor. <sup>11</sup>As to diligence, not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in affliction, steadfastly continuing in prayer, <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, pursuing hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with rejoicing ones, and weep with weeping ones; <sup>16</sup>minding the same thing toward one another, not minding high things, but yielding to the lowly. Do not be wise within yourselves. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as is in you, seeking peace with all men. <sup>19</sup>not avenging yourselves, but giving place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him. If he thirsts, give him drink. For in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Let every soul be subject to the higher authorities. For there is no authority but of God; the authorities that exist are ordained by God. <sup>2</sup>So that the *one* resisting the authority resists the ordinance of God; and the *ones* who resist will receive judgment to themselves. <sup>3</sup>For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad. And do you desire to be not afraid of the authority? Do the good, and you shall have praise from it. <sup>4</sup>For it is a servant of God to you for good. For if you practice evil, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain; for it is a servant of God, a revenger for wrath on him who does evil. <sup>5</sup>Therefore *you* must be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup>For because of this you also pay taxes. For they are God's servants, always giving attention to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Therefore give to all *their* dues; to the *one due* tax, the tax; tribute to whom tribute *is due*, fear to whom fear *is due*, and honor to whom honor *is due*.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For: "Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not lust;" and *if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* <sup>10</sup>Love works no ill to its neighbor, therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>This also, knowing the time, that *it is* already time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far spent, the day is at hand; therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk becomingly, as in *the* day; not in carousings and drinking; not in co-habitation and lustful acts; not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not take thought beforehand for the lusts of the flesh.

### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And receive him who is weak in the faith, *but* not to judgments of *your* thoughts. <sup>2</sup>For indeed one believes to eat all things; but being weak, *another* eats vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Do not let him who eats despise him who does not eat; and do not let him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has received him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you that judges another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. But he will stand, for God is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One indeed esteems a day above *another* day; and *another* esteems every day *alike*. Let each one be fully assured in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>He who regards the day regards *it* to *the* Lord; and he not regarding the day, does not regard *it* to *the* Lord. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, does not eat to *the* Lord, and gives God thanks. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For both if we live, we live to *the* Lord; and if we die, we die to *the* Lord. Therefore both if we live, and if we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For this Christ both died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord both of *the* dead and living.

<sup>10</sup>But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you despise your brother? For all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says *the* Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."



<sup>12</sup>So then each one of us will give account concerning himself to God. <sup>13</sup>Then let us not judge one another any more, but rather judge this, not to put a stumbling-block or an offense toward his brother. <sup>14</sup>I know and am persuaded in *the* Lord Jesus, that nothing by itself *is* common; except to him who esteems anything to be common, *it is* common. <sup>15</sup>But if your brother is grieved *with your* food, you no longer walk according to love. Do not with your food destroy him for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup>Then do not let your good be spoken evil of, <sup>17</sup>for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>For he who serves Christ in these things *is* well-pleasing to God, and approved by men. <sup>19</sup>So then let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another. <sup>20</sup>Do not undo the work of God for food. Truly, all things indeed *are* clean, but *it is* bad to the man eating because of a stumbling-block. <sup>21</sup>*It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *anything* by which your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made weak. <sup>22</sup>Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Blessed *is* he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. <sup>23</sup>But, the *one* doubting, if he eats, *he* has been condemned, because it is not of faith; and all that *is* not of faith is sin.

### CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>Then we who *are* strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let every one of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, to building up. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." <sup>4</sup>For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, so that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup>And may the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded toward one another according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that with one mind *and* one mouth you may glorify God, even *the* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore receive one another as Christ also received us to *the* glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>And I say, Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, <sup>9</sup>and that the nations might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written, "For this cause I will confess to You in the nations, and I will praise Your name." <sup>10</sup>And again He says, "Rejoice, O nations, with His people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all the nations, and praise Him, all the peoples." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "There shall be a root of Jesse, and He who shall rise to reign over the nations, in Him shall the nations trust." <sup>13</sup>And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brothers, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. <sup>15</sup>But, brothers, I wrote to you boldly, as reminding you in part, because of the grace that is given to me by God, <sup>16</sup>that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the nations, ministering the gospel of God, so that the offering up of the nations might be acceptable, being sanctified by *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup>Therefore I have something of which I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

<sup>18</sup>For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ did not work out by me *for* the obedience of the nations in word and deed, <sup>19</sup>in power of miracles and wonders, in power of *the* Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem, and all around to Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. <sup>20</sup>Yea, so I have been eager to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation; <sup>21</sup>but as it is written, "To whom nothing was said about Him, they shall see. And they who have not heard shall understand."

<sup>22</sup>For this cause I also have been greatly hindered from coming to you. <sup>23</sup>But now, having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, <sup>24</sup>whenever I may go into Spain, I will come to you. For *in* traveling through I hope to see you, and to be set forward there by you, if first I may be filled of you in part. <sup>25</sup>But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. <sup>26</sup>For it has pleased those of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>Truly it has pleased them, and they are their debtors. For if the nations have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in carnal things. <sup>28</sup>Therefore when I have performed this, and have sealed this fruit to them, I will come by you into Spain. <sup>29</sup>And I am sure that *when* I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of *the* blessing of the gospel of Christ.

<sup>30</sup>But I exhort you, brothers, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and for the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me, <sup>31</sup>that I may be delivered from those disbelieving in Judea, and that my service which I *have* for Jerusalem may be accepted by the saints; <sup>32</sup>so that *I may* come to you with joy by *the* will of God, and may be refreshed with you. <sup>33</sup>Now may the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea, <sup>2</sup>that you receive her in *the* Lord, *as* becomes saints, and that you may assist her in whatever business she has need of you. For she has been a helper of many, and of myself also. <sup>3</sup>Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup>who have laid down their own necks for my life; to whom not only I give thanks, but also the churches of the nations. <sup>5</sup>Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epenetus, who is the first-fruits of Achaia to Christ. <sup>6</sup>Greet Mary, who bestowed much labor on us. <sup>7</sup>Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup>Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Greet Urbanus, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. <sup>10</sup>Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of Aristobulus' *household*. <sup>11</sup>Greet Herodion my kinsman. Greet those who are of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in *the* Lord. <sup>12</sup>Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in *the* Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in *the* Lord. <sup>13</sup>Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. <sup>14</sup>Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup>Greet Philologus and Julius, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

<sup>17</sup>And I exhort you, brothers, to watch those making divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them. <sup>18</sup>For they who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches *they* deceive the hearts of the simple. <sup>19</sup>For your obedience reached to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf, But I would have you truly wise *as* to good, and simple toward evil. <sup>20</sup>And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

<sup>21</sup>Timothy my fellow worker, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater my kinsmen, greet you. <sup>22</sup>I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in *the* Lord. <sup>23</sup>Gaius my host, and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus the steward of the city greets you, and Quartus a brother. <sup>24</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

<sup>25</sup>Now to Him *who is* able to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of *the* mystery, having been unvoiced during eternal times; <sup>26</sup>but now has been made plain, and by the prophetic Scriptures, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith; <sup>27</sup>to God only wise *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

# THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a called apostle of Jesus Christ through *the* will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, <sup>2</sup>to the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called-out saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. <sup>3</sup>Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ, <sup>5</sup>that in everything you are enriched by Him, in all speech and in all knowledge; <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; <sup>7</sup>so that you come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He shall also confirm you to *the* end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called to *the* fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>10</sup>But I exhort you, brother, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brothers, by those of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. <sup>12</sup>But I say this, that every one of you says, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>lest any should say that I had baptized in my own name. <sup>16</sup>And I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides these, I do not know if I baptized any other.

<sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel; not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. <sup>18</sup>For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those being lost, but to us being saved, *it is the* power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the the perceiving ones."

<sup>20</sup>Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the lawyer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom did not know God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For the Jews ask for a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness. <sup>24</sup>But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ *is* the power of God and *the* wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>Because the foolish thing of God is wiser *than* men, and the weak thing of God is stronger *than* men. <sup>26</sup>For you see your calling, brothers, that not many wise men according to *the* flesh *are* called, not many mighty, not many noble. <sup>27</sup>But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup>and God has chosen the base things of the world, and things which are despised, and things which are not, in order to bring to nothing things that are; <sup>29</sup>so that no flesh should glory in His presence.

<sup>30</sup>But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; <sup>31</sup>so that, according as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in *the* Lord."

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And I, brothers, when I came to you, did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup>For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of men's wisdom, but in demonstration of *the Spirit* and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith should not stand in *the wisdom* of men, but in *the power* of God.

<sup>6</sup>But, we speak wisdom among those who are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, that come to nothing. <sup>7</sup>But we speak *the wisdom* of God in a mystery, which God has hidden, predetermining *it* before the world for our glory; <sup>8</sup>which none of the rulers of this world knew (for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory). <sup>9</sup>But as it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard," nor has it entered into the heart of man, "the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup>But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who among men knows the things of a man except the spirit of man within him? So also no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup>These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup>But the natural man does not receive *the things* of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged by no man. <sup>16</sup>For who has known *the mind* of *the Lord*, that he may instruct Him? But we have *the mind* of Christ.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And I, brothers, could not speak to you as to spiritual ones, but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I have fed you with milk and not with solid food, for you were not yet able *to bear it*; nor are you able even now. <sup>3</sup>For you are yet carnal. For in that there is among you envyings and strife and divisions, are you not carnal, and do you not walk according to men? <sup>4</sup>For while one says, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are you not carnal? <sup>5</sup>Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom you believed, even to each the Lord gave? <sup>6</sup>I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup>So then neither is he who plants anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup>So he planting, and he watering, are one, and each one shall receive *his* own reward according to *his* own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are fellow-workers of God, a field of God, *and* you are a building of God. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God which is given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds on *it*. But let every man be careful how he builds on *it*. <sup>11</sup>For *any* other foundation can no one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, <sup>13</sup>each one's work shall be revealed. For the Day shall declare *it*, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try each one's work as to what kind it is. <sup>14</sup>If anyone's work which he built remains, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If anyone's work shall be burned up, he shall suffer loss. But he shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone defiles the temple of God, God shall destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which you are. <sup>18</sup>Let no one deceive himself. If anyone

among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool so that he may be wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God; for it is written, "He takes the wise in their own craftiness." <sup>20</sup>And again, "*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.*" <sup>21</sup>Therefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether it is Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or *the world*, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours, <sup>23</sup>and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>So let a man think of us as ministers of Christ and stewards of *the* mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>And the rest, it is sought among stewards that a one be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But to me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by a man's day; yea, I do not judge my own self, <sup>4</sup>for I know nothing by myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but He who judges me is *the Lord*. <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the heart. And then shall each one have praise of God.

<sup>6</sup>And these things, brothers, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that you might learn in us not to think of *men* above that which is written, so that no one of you may be puffed up against one another. <sup>7</sup>For who makes you to differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? And *if you* did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? <sup>8</sup>You are full! You are rich! You have reigned as kings without us! And I would to God that you did reign, that we also might reign with you. <sup>9</sup>For I think that God has set forth us last, the apostles, as it were appointed to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world and to angels and to men. <sup>10</sup>We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but you *are* wise in Christ. We *are* weak, but you *are* strong. You *are* honorable, but we are despised. <sup>11</sup>Even until this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and are buffeted and have no certain dwelling place. <sup>12</sup>And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; <sup>13</sup>being defamed, we entreat. We are made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things to this day. <sup>14</sup>I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. <sup>15</sup>For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I have begotten you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup>Therefore I beseech you, be imitators of me.

<sup>17</sup>For this cause I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved son and faithful in *the Lord*, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which are in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup>As to my not coming to you now, some are puffed up. <sup>19</sup>But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills. And I will not know the speech of those who are puffed up, but the power. <sup>20</sup>For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power. <sup>21</sup>What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and the spirit of meekness?

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Everywhere *it is* reported that *there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as *is* not named among the nations, so as one to have *his* father's wife. <sup>2</sup>And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, so that he who has done this deed may be taken from your midst. <sup>3</sup>For as absent in body but present in spirit, I indeed have judged already (*as though I were* present) concerning him who worked out this thing; <sup>4</sup>in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>5</sup>to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Your boasting *is* not good. Do you not

know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Therefore purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. <sup>8</sup>Therefore let us keep *the* feast; not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

<sup>9</sup>I wrote to you in the letter not to associate intimately with fornicators; <sup>10</sup>yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then you must go out of the world. <sup>11</sup>But now I have written to you not to associate intimately, if any man called a brother is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one not to eat. <sup>12</sup>For what *is it* to me to also judge those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? <sup>13</sup>But God judges those who are outside. Therefore put out from you the evil one.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Do any of you dare, when you have a matter against another, to go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? <sup>2</sup>Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? <sup>4</sup>If then you have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set those who are least esteemed in the church to judge. <sup>5</sup>I speak to your shame. Is it so that there is not a wise one among you, not even one who shall be able to judge between his brothers? <sup>6</sup>But brother goes to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. <sup>7</sup>Indeed then there is already a failure with you all, that you have lawsuits with yourselves. Why not instead be wronged? Why not instead be defrauded? <sup>8</sup>But you do wrong and defraud, and these things *to* brothers.

<sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit *the* kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

<sup>12</sup>All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. <sup>13</sup>Meats for the belly and the belly for meats, but God shall destroy both it and them. But the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God has both raised up the Lord, and also will raise us up by His own power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* the members of a harlot? Let it not be! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he being joined to a harlot is one body? For He says, The two *shall be* one flesh. <sup>17</sup>But he being joined to the Lord is one spirit. <sup>18</sup>Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits fornication sins against *his* own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of *the* Holy Spirit in you, whom you have of God? And you are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning what you wrote to me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. <sup>2</sup>But, *to avoid* fornication, let each have his *own* wife, and let each have her *own* husband. <sup>3</sup>Let the husband give to the wife proper kindness, and likewise the wife also to the husband. <sup>4</sup>The wife does not have authority over *her* own body,

but the husband. And likewise also the husband does not have power *over his* own body, but the wife. <sup>5</sup>Do not deprive one another, unless it is with consent for a time, so that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And come together again so that Satan does not tempt you for your incontinence. <sup>6</sup>But I speak this by permission, not of commandment. <sup>7</sup>For I would that all men were even as I myself am. But each has his proper gift from God, one according to this manner and another according to that.

<sup>8</sup>I say therefore to the unmarried and the widows, It is good for them if they remain even as I. <sup>9</sup>But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn. <sup>10</sup>And to the married I command (not I, but the Lord), a woman not to be separated from *her* husband. <sup>11</sup>But if she is indeed separated, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband *is* not to leave *his* wife. <sup>12</sup>But to the rest I speak, not the Lord, If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is pleased to dwell with him, do not let him put her away. <sup>13</sup>And the woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is pleased to dwell with her, do not let her leave him. <sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. <sup>15</sup>But if the unbelieving one separates, let *them* be separated. A brother or a sister is not in bondage in such cases, but God has called us in peace. <sup>16</sup>For what do you know, O wife, whether you shall save *your* husband? Or what do you know, O man, whether you shall save *your* wife? <sup>17</sup>But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all churches.

<sup>18</sup>*Was* any called having been circumcised? Do not be uncircumcised. *Was* anyone called in uncircumcision? Do not be circumcised. <sup>19</sup>Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. <sup>20</sup>Let each one remain in the calling in which he was called. <sup>21</sup>Were you called *as* a slave? It does not matter to you, but if you are able to become free, use *it* rather. <sup>22</sup>For he who is called a slave *in the* Lord is a freed man of *the* Lord. And likewise, he who is called a free man is a slave of Christ. <sup>23</sup>You are bought with a price, do not be the slaves of men. <sup>24</sup>Each in whatever *way* he was called, brothers, in this remain with God.

<sup>25</sup>But concerning virgins, I have no commandment from *the* Lord. Yet I give my judgment, as one who has obtained mercy from *the* Lord to be faithful. <sup>26</sup>Then I think this is good, because of the present necessity; that *it* is good for a man to be so. <sup>27</sup>Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you freed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. <sup>28</sup>But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But such shall have trouble in the flesh, but I spare you. <sup>29</sup>But this I say, brothers, The time is short. It remains that both those who have wives should be as not having one. <sup>30</sup>And they who weep are as though they did not weep. And they who rejoice are as though they did not rejoice. And they who buy are as though they did not possess. <sup>31</sup>And they who use this world are as not abusing *it*, for the fashion of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>But I desire you to be without anxiety. He who is unmarried cares for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please *the* Lord. <sup>33</sup>But he who is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. <sup>34</sup>The wife and the virgin *are* different. The unmarried woman cares for *the* things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. <sup>35</sup>And this I speak for your own profit, not that I may cast a snare *on* you, but for that which is right, and that you may attend on the Lord without distraction.



<sup>36</sup>But if anyone thinks *it* behaving himself indecently toward his virginity (if he is past *his* prime, and so *it* ought to be) let him do what he will; he does not sin; let them marry. <sup>37</sup>But *he* who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but who has authority over *his* own will (and has so judged in his heart that he will keep his virginity) he does well. <sup>38</sup>So then he who gives in marriage does well. But he who does not give in marriage does better.

<sup>39</sup>The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives, but if her husband is dead, she is at liberty to be remarried to whom she will, only *in the Lord*. <sup>40</sup>But she is happier if she so remains, according to my judgment. And I also think that I have *the Spirit of God*.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>But concerning the sacrifices to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. <sup>2</sup>And if any man thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if any man loves God, he has been known of him. <sup>4</sup>Then concerning the eating of the things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in *the* world, and that *there is* no other God except one. <sup>5</sup>For though there are those who are called gods, whether in Heaven or in earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup>*there is* to us only one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and we by Him. <sup>7</sup>But *this* knowledge *is* not in all. But some being aware of the idol eat as an idolatrous sacrifice until now, and their conscience being weak is defiled. <sup>8</sup>But food does not commend us to God. For neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. <sup>9</sup>But take heed lest by any means *this* liberty of yours becomes a stumbling block to those who are weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol temple, will not the weak one's conscience be lifted up so as to eat things sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>And on your knowledge the weak brother will fall, *he* for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>And sinning in this way against *your* brothers, and wounding their conscience, being weak, you sin against God. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food offends my brother, I will eat no flesh while the world stands, that I do not offend my brother.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in *the Lord*? <sup>2</sup>If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in *the Lord*. <sup>3</sup>My answer to those who examine me is this: <sup>4</sup>Do we not have authority to eat and to drink? <sup>5</sup>Do we not have authority to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brothers of the Lord do, and Cephas? <sup>6</sup>Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no authority to cease working? <sup>7</sup>Who serves as a soldier at *his* own wages at any time? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock and does not partake of the milk of the flock? <sup>8</sup>Do I say these things according to man? Or does not the Law say the same also? <sup>9</sup>For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the mouth of the ox treading out grain." Does God take care for oxen? <sup>10</sup>Or does He say *it* altogether for our sakes? It was written for us, so that he who plows should plow *in* hope, and so that he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. <sup>11</sup>If we have sown to you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? <sup>12</sup>If others have a share of this authority *over* you, rather *should* not we? But we have not used this authority, but we endured all things lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Do you not know that those who minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? And those attending the altar are partakers with the altar.

<sup>14</sup>Even so the Lord has ordained that those who preach the gospel to live of the gospel. <sup>15</sup>But I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for *it is good for me rather to die than that anyone nullify my glorying.* <sup>16</sup>For though I preach the gospel, no glory is to me. For necessity is laid on me; yea, woe is to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I am entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That when I preach the gospel I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, yet I have made myself servant to all, so that I might gain the more. <sup>20</sup>And to the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might gain the Jews. To those who are under the Law, I became as under the Law, so that I might gain those who are under the Law. <sup>21</sup>To those who are outside Law, I became as outside Law (not being outside law to God, but under *the* law to Christ), so that I might gain *those* who are outside Law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became as the weak, so that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men, so that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>And this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I might be partaker of it with you.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those running in a race all run, but one receives the prize? So run, that you may obtain. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who strives for the mastery is temperate *in* all things. Then those truly that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. <sup>26</sup>So then I run, not as if I were uncertain. And so I fight, not as one who beats the air. <sup>27</sup>But I buffet my body, and lead *it* captive, lest proclaiming to others I myself might be rejected.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>And all were baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>And these things were our examples, that we should not lust after evil, as they also lusted. <sup>7</sup>Nor should we be idolaters, even as some of them, as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>Nor let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. <sup>9</sup>Nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted Him and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>Nor murmur as some of them also murmured and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>And all these things happened to them as examples; and *it* is written for our warning on whom the ends of the world have come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has taken you but *what is* common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but with the temptation also will make a way to escape, so that you may be able to bear *it.* <sup>14</sup>Therefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to wise men, you judge what I say.

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing which we bless, is *it* not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>For we, the many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. <sup>18</sup>Behold Israel after the flesh. Are not those who eat of the sacrifices also partakers of the altar? <sup>19</sup>What then do I say? That the idol is anything, or that an idolatrous sacrifice is anything? <sup>20</sup>But *I say* that the things which the nations sacrifice, *they* sacrifice to demons and not to God. And I do not desire that you

should have fellowship with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink *the* cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot be partakers of *the* Lord's table and of the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? <sup>23</sup>All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful to me, but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Let no one seek his own, but each one another's. <sup>25</sup>Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no question for conscience' sake; <sup>26</sup>for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it." <sup>27</sup>If any of those who do not believe invite you *to a feast*, and if you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no questions for conscience' sake. <sup>28</sup>But if anyone says to you, This is slain in sacrifice to idols, do not eat for the sake of him who showed it, and for conscience' sake; "for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it"; <sup>29</sup>conscience, I say, not your own, but the other's. For why is my liberty judged by another's conscience? <sup>30</sup>For if I by grace am a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? <sup>31</sup>Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Give no offense, either to the Jews, or to the Greeks or to the church of God; <sup>33</sup>even as I please all *men in* all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, so that they may be saved.

### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Be imitators of me, even as I also *am* of Christ. <sup>2</sup>But I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and you keep the ordinances as I delivered *them* to you. <sup>3</sup>But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and *the* head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup>Every man praying or prophesying with his head covered dishonors his Head. <sup>5</sup>But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head; for that is even the same *as* if she were shaved. <sup>6</sup>For if the woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if *it is* a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. <sup>7</sup>For a man indeed ought not to have *his* head covered, because he is *the* image and glory of God. But the woman is *the* glory of the man. <sup>8</sup>For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. <sup>9</sup>Nor was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man. <sup>10</sup>For this reason the woman ought to have authority on *her* head because of the angels.

<sup>11</sup>But neither *is* the man without the woman, nor the woman without the man, in the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For as the woman is of the man, even so the man is also by the woman; but all things of God. <sup>13</sup>Judge among yourselves: is it right *that* a woman pray to God uncovered? <sup>14</sup>Does not even nature itself teach you that if man wears his hair long, it is a shame to him? <sup>15</sup>But if a woman wears her hair long, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup>But if any man seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor the churches of God.

<sup>17</sup>But in enjoining this, I do not praise *you*, because you come together not for the better, but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For first of all, *when* you come together in the church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. <sup>19</sup>For there must also be heresies among you, that the approved ones may be revealed among you. <sup>20</sup>Therefore when you come together into one place, this is not to eat *the* Lord's supper. <sup>21</sup>For in eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry, and another drunken. <sup>22</sup>For Do you not have houses *in which* to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who do not have? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? I do not praise *you*!

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup>And giving thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which *is* broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way *He* took the cup also, after supping,

saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood; as often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup>For "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show" the Lord's death until He shall come. <sup>27</sup>So that whoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, *he* will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. <sup>29</sup>For he who eats and drinks unworthily eats and drinks condemnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. <sup>30</sup>For this cause many among you *are* weak and sickly, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup>For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged, we are chastened by *the* Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. <sup>33</sup>So that, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. <sup>34</sup>But if anyone hungers, let him eat at home, so that you do not come together to condemnation. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brothers, I would not have you ignorant. <sup>2</sup>You know that being led away you nations were led to dumb idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by *the* Spirit of God says Jesus is a curse, and that no one can say that Jesus is Lord, but by *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>But there are differences of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>And there are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>And there are differences of workings, but it is the same God working all things in all. <sup>7</sup>But to each one is given the showing forth of the Spirit to *our* profit. <sup>8</sup>For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom; and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup>and to another faith by the same Spirit; and to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; <sup>10</sup>and to another workings of powers, to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; and to another kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing separately to each one as He desires.

<sup>12</sup>For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, *are* one body; so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For also by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, even all were made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>For the body is not one member, but many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? <sup>16</sup>And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? <sup>17</sup>If all the body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If all hearing, where *would be* the smelling? <sup>18</sup>But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body as it has pleased Him. <sup>19</sup>And if they were all one member, where *would be* the body? <sup>20</sup>But now indeed many *are* the members, yet only one body. <sup>21</sup>And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. <sup>22</sup>But much rather the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary. <sup>23</sup>And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we put more abundant honor around *them*. And our unrepresentable *members* have more abundant propriety. <sup>24</sup>For our representable *members* have no need, but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to the *member* having need; <sup>25</sup>that there not be division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; if one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with *it*.

<sup>27</sup>And you are the body of Christ, and members in part. <sup>28</sup>And God set some in the church, firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers; then gifts of

healings, helps, governments, kinds of languages. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of power? <sup>30</sup>Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak languages? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But zealously strive after the better gifts. And yet I show to you a more excellent way.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I have become *as* sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And though I have prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, and do not have charity, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>And though I give out all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, I am profited nothing. <sup>4</sup>Charity has patience, is kind; charity is not envious, is not vain, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup>does not indecently, does not seek her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. <sup>6</sup>Charity does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth, <sup>7</sup>quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Charity never fails. But *if there are* prophecies, they will be abolished; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be abolished. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup>But when the perfect thing comes, then that *which is* in part will be caused to cease. <sup>11</sup>When I was an infant, I spoke as an infant, I thought as an infant. But when I became a man, I did away with the things of an infant. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall fully know even as I also am fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, charity, these three remain; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>Follow after love and desire spiritual things, but rather that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup>For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. For no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries. <sup>3</sup>But he who prophesies speaks to men *for* building up, and exhortation, and comfort. <sup>4</sup>The *one* speaking in a tongue builds himself up, but he prophesying builds up a church. <sup>5</sup>I wish all of you to speak in languages, but rather that you may prophesy; for greater is he prophesying than he speaking in tongues, unless he interpret so that the church may receive building up. <sup>6</sup>But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you, except I speak to you either in revelation, or in knowledge, or in prophecy, or in teaching? <sup>7</sup>Yet lifeless things giving a sound, whether pipe or harp, if they do not give a distinction in the sound, how will it be known what *is* being piped or harped? <sup>8</sup>For also if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?

<sup>9</sup>So also you, if you do not give a clear word through the language, how will it be known what *is* being said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup>So it may be many kinds of sounds are in the world, and not one is without a *distinct* sound. <sup>11</sup>Therefore if I do not know the power of the sound, I will be a foreigner to him speaking, and he speaking will be a foreigner *to* me. <sup>12</sup>Even so you, since you are zealots of spiritual things, seek to build up the church, in order that you may abound. <sup>13</sup>So then he speaking in a language, let him pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind. <sup>16</sup>Else, if you bless in the spirit, he occupying the place of the unlearned, how will he say the amen at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say? <sup>17</sup>For you truly give thanks well, but the other is not built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank my God *that* I speak more

languages than all of you; <sup>18</sup>yet in a church I desire to speak five words with my mind, so that I might also teach others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup>Brothers, do not be children in your minds, but in malice be like infants, and in *your* minds be mature. <sup>21</sup>In the law it is written, "By other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people, and even so they will not hear Me, says *the* Lord."

<sup>22</sup>So that tongues are not a sign to those who believe, but to those who do not believe. But prophesying is not to those who do not believe, but to those who believe. <sup>23</sup>Therefore if the whole church has come together, and all speak in languages, and *if* uninstructed ones or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you rave? <sup>24</sup>But if all prophesy, and some unbeliever or one not instructed comes, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all. <sup>25</sup>And so the secrets of his heart become revealed. And so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

<sup>26</sup>Then how is it, brothers? When you come together, each one of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be for building up. <sup>27</sup>If one speaks in a language, *let it be* by two, or *at* the most three, and in succession. And let one interpret. <sup>28</sup>But if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in a church; and let him speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup>And *if there are* two or three prophets, let them speak, and let the others judge. <sup>30</sup>If a *revelation* occurs to another sitting by, let the first be silent. <sup>31</sup>For you may all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be comforted. <sup>32</sup>And the spirits of the prophets *are* subject to the prophets. <sup>33</sup>For God is not the *author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

<sup>34</sup>Let your women be silent in the churches; for it is not permitted to them to speak, but to be in subjection, as the Law also says. <sup>35</sup>And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for a woman to speak in a church. <sup>36</sup>Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it reach only to you?

<sup>37</sup>If anyone thinks to be a prophet, or a spiritual one, let him acknowledge what I write to you, that they are a commandment of the Lord. <sup>38</sup>But if any is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

<sup>39</sup>So then, brothers, seek to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in languages. <sup>40</sup>Let all things be done decently and in order.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And, brothers, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received, and in which you stand; <sup>2</sup>by which you also are being saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that *He* rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; <sup>5</sup>and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>Afterward He was seen by over five hundred brothers at once, of whom the greater part remain until this present day, but some fell asleep. <sup>7</sup>Afterward He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>And last of all He was seen by me also, as *one* born out of time. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles and am not sufficient to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which *was* toward me has not been without fruit, but I labored more abundantly than all of them; yet not I, but the grace of God with me. <sup>11</sup>Therefore whether *it was* I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>But if Christ is proclaimed, that He was raised from *the* dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of *the* dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no

resurrection of *the* dead, neither has Christ been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is worthless, and your faith is also worthless. <sup>15</sup>And we are also found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ; whom He did not raise if *the* dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if *the* dead are not raised, then Christ is not raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ is not raised, your faith is foolish; you are yet in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then also those that fell asleep in Christ were lost. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

<sup>20</sup>But now Christ has risen from *the* dead, and has become the first fruit of those who slept. <sup>21</sup>For since death is through man, the resurrection of *the* dead also is through a Man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in *his* own order: Christ the first-fruit, and afterward they who are Christ's at His coming; <sup>24</sup>then is the end — when He delivers the king to God, even the Father; when He makes to cease all rule and all authority and power — <sup>25</sup>for it is right for Him to reign until He has put all the enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>*The* last enemy made to cease is death. <sup>27</sup>For He put all things under His feet. But when He says that all things have been put under His feet, *it is* plain that *it* excepts Him who has put all things under Him. <sup>28</sup>But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subject *to Him* who has subjected things to Him, so that God may be all things in all.

<sup>29</sup>Otherwise, what will they do, those being baptized on behalf of the dead? If *the* dead are not at all raised, why indeed are they baptized on behalf of *the* dead? <sup>30</sup>And why are we also in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>Day by day I die, by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup>If according to the man I fought with beasts in Ephesus, what advantage *is* to me if *the* dead are not raised? "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived, evil companionships corrupt good habits. <sup>34</sup>Be righteously awake, and sin not; for some have ignorance of God. I speak this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will say, How are *the* dead raised up, and with what body do they come? <sup>36</sup>Foolish one! What you sow is not made alive unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow, you do not sow the body that *is* going to be, but a bare grain (perhaps of wheat or of some of the rest). <sup>38</sup>And God gives it a body as it has pleased Him, and to each of the seeds its own body. <sup>39</sup>All flesh *is* not the same flesh; but one kind of flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds. <sup>40</sup>*There are* also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly *is* truly different, and that of the earthly different; <sup>41</sup>one glory of *the* sun, and another glory of *the* moon, and another glory of *the* stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So also the resurrection of *the* dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; <sup>43</sup>it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup>it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, "The first man, Adam, was made a living soul," the last Adam *was* a life-giving Spirit. <sup>46</sup>But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man *was* out of earth, earthy; the second Man *was* the Lord from Heaven. <sup>48</sup>Such the earthy man, such also the earthy ones. And such the heavenly *Man*, such also the heavenly ones. <sup>49</sup>And according as we bore the image of the earthy man, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

<sup>50</sup>And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit *the* kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup>Behold, I speak a mystery to you; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed; <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet shall sound, and *the* dead shall

be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and when this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the word that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup>O death, where *is* your sting? O grave, where *is* your victory?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks *be* to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>So that, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not without fruit in *the* Lord.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And concerning the collection for the saints, as I charged the churches of Galatia, so also you do. <sup>2</sup>On the first day of the week let each of you put by himself, storing up what ever he is prospered, so that there may be no collections when I come. <sup>3</sup>And when I come, whomever you shall approve by your letters, I will send them to bring your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And if it is suitable for me to go also, they shall go with me. <sup>5</sup>But I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia; for I am going through Macedonia. <sup>6</sup>And it may be that I will stay with you, and even spend the winter with you, so that you may set me forward wherever I go. <sup>7</sup>For I do not desire to see you now in passage, but I am hoping to stay some time with you, if the Lord permits. <sup>8</sup>But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost. <sup>9</sup>For a great and effective door opened to me, and many *are* opposing.

<sup>10</sup>But if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear, for he works the work of the Lord, even as I *do*. <sup>11</sup>Therefore let not any despise him, but set him forward in peace, so that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brothers. <sup>12</sup>As regards *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come to you with the brothers, but it was not altogether *his* that he come now. But he will come when he has opportunity.

<sup>13</sup>Watch! Stand fast in the faith! Be men! Be strong! <sup>14</sup>Let all your things be done in charity.

<sup>15</sup>But I exhort you, brothers. You know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruit of Achaia, and they appointed themselves to ministry to the saints. <sup>16</sup>See that you also submit to such ones, and to everyone working and laboring with *me*. <sup>17</sup>I am glad at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; for these supplied your lack. <sup>18</sup>For they have refreshed my spirit and yours; then acknowledge such ones.

<sup>19</sup>The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in *the* Lord, with the church that is in their house. <sup>20</sup>All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

<sup>21</sup>The salutation of Paul with my own hand. <sup>22</sup>If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The Lord comes! <sup>23</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. <sup>24</sup>Let my love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.



# THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia. <sup>2</sup>Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from *the* Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>He comforting us in all our trouble, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in every trouble, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. <sup>6</sup>And if we are troubled, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, being worked out in the endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. <sup>7</sup>And our hope of you *is* certain, knowing that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also of the consolation.

<sup>8</sup>For, brothers, we would not have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength; so much so that we despaired even of life. <sup>9</sup>But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, so that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises *the* dead; <sup>10</sup>who delivered us from so great a death, and still does deliver; in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us, <sup>11</sup>with you also helping together by prayer for us, so that thanks may be given by many on our behalf, <sup>12</sup>for the gift *bestowed* upon us by many persons.

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity; not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God; we have had our conduct in the world, and more abundantly toward you. <sup>13</sup>For we write no other things to you than what you read or recognize, and I trust you shall recognize them even to *the* end, <sup>14</sup>even as you have recognized us *in* part, that we are your rejoicing, even as you also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>15</sup>And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, so that you might have a second benefit, <sup>16</sup>and to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia to you, and to be brought on my way toward Judea by you. <sup>17</sup>Then purposing this, did I indeed use lightness? Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose them according to the flesh, so that with me there should be yes, yes, and no, no? <sup>18</sup>But as God *is* true, our word toward you was not yes and no. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us; by me and Silas and Timothy; was not yes and no, but in Him was, yes! <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God by us.

<sup>21</sup>But He confirming us and anointing us with you in Christ *is* God. <sup>22</sup>And He has sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. <sup>23</sup>And I call God *as* witness to my soul that in order to spare you I have not yet come to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>Not that we have dominion over your faith, but we are helpers of your joy; for by faith you stand.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>But I determined this within myself, that I would not come to you again in grief. <sup>2</sup>For if I make you sorry, who then is he who makes me glad, but the same who has been made sorry by me? <sup>3</sup>And I wrote this to you, lest when I came I should have sorrow from the ones of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the* joy of you all. <sup>4</sup>For out of much trouble and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that

you might know the love which I have more abundantly to you. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, except in part; so that I not overbear all of you. <sup>6</sup>This punishment which was put upon him by many of you is enough to such a one; <sup>7</sup>so that, on the contrary, you *should* rather forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a *one* should be swallowed up with overwhelming sorrow. <sup>8</sup>So I beseech you that you would confirm *your* love toward him. <sup>9</sup>For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things. <sup>10</sup>But to whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For if I forgave anything, for your sakes I forgave it to him in the person of Christ; <sup>11</sup>so that we should not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his devices. <sup>12</sup>And, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by *the* Lord, <sup>13</sup>I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find Titus my brother. But taking my leave of them, I went from there into Macedonia. <sup>14</sup>Now thanks *be* to God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ, and He revealing through us the odor of the knowledge of Him in every place. <sup>15</sup>For we are to God a sweet savor of Christ, in those being saved, and in those being lost; <sup>16</sup>to the one we are the savor of death to death, and to the other we are the savor of life to life. And who is sufficient for these things? <sup>17</sup>For we are not as many, hawking the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God. We speak in Christ in the sight of God.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, like some, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? <sup>2</sup>You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men, <sup>3</sup>*it* having been made plain that you are the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, not having been written with ink, but with *the* Spirit of *the* living God; not on tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart. <sup>4</sup>And we have such trust through Christ toward God, <sup>5</sup>not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God; <sup>6</sup>who also has made us able ministers of the new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. <sup>7</sup>But if the ministry of death, having been engraved in letters in stone was with glory (so that the sons of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance), which ministry was to be done away; <sup>8</sup>shall not the ministry of the Spirit be with more glory? <sup>9</sup>For if the ministry of condemnation *is* glorious, much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory. <sup>10</sup>For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. <sup>11</sup>For if that which has been done away *was* glorious, much more that which remains is glorious.

<sup>12</sup>Then since we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech. <sup>13</sup>And we are not like Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of the *thing* being done away. <sup>14</sup>(But their thoughts were blinded; for until the present the same veil remains on the reading of the old covenant, not taken away.) But this veil has been done away in Christ. <sup>15</sup>But even until this day, when Moses is read, the veil is on their heart. <sup>16</sup>But whenever it turns to *the* Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of *the* Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup>But we all, with *our* face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of *the* Lord as in a mirror, are being changed *into* the same image from glory to glory, even as by *the* Lord Spirit.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not faint. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in

craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by the revelation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>But also if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost, <sup>4</sup>in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ (who is the image of God) should not dawn on them. <sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is God who said, "Out of darkness Light shall shine;" who shone in our hearts to give the brightness of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. <sup>8</sup>We are troubled on every side, yet being hemmed in; being perplexed, but utterly at a loss; <sup>9</sup>being persecuted, but not forsaken; being thrown down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always bearing about the dying of the Lord Jesus in the body, so that the life of Jesus also might be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus might also be revealed in our body. <sup>12</sup>So then death works in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup>For we, having the same spirit of faith (according as it is written, "I believed, and therefore I have spoken"); we also believed and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall also raise us up by Jesus, and shall present us with you. <sup>15</sup>For all things are for your sakes, so that the superabounding grace might be made to abound through the thanksgiving of the greater number, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>For this cause we do not faint; but though our outward man perishes, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For the lightness of our present affliction works out for us a far more excellent eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup>we not considering the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are not lasting, but the things which are not seen are everlasting.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For indeed in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our dwelling-place out of Heaven; <sup>3</sup>if indeed in being clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened; inasmuch as we do not wish to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that the mortal might be swallowed up by the life. <sup>5</sup>And He who has worked in us for this same thing is God, who also is giving to us the earnest of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Then being always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are away from home from the Lord; <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Then we are confident and we are pleased rather to go away from home out of the body, and to come home to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Therefore we are also laboring to be well-pleasing to Him, whether at home or away from home. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive the things done in his body, according to that which he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. But we are revealed to God, and I trust also that we are revealed in your consciences. <sup>12</sup>For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but are giving you occasion to glory on our behalf, so that you may have it to answer those boasting in appearance, and not in heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are out of our mind, it is to God; or if we are in our senses, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ constrains us, judging this, that if one died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, that

the living ones may live no more to themselves, but to Him who died for them having been raised. <sup>16</sup>So as we now know no one according to flesh, but even if we have known Christ according to flesh, yet now we no longer know *Him so*. <sup>17</sup>So that if any one *is* in Christ, *that one is* a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>And all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>whereas God was in Christ reconciling *the world* to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and putting the word of reconciliation in us. <sup>20</sup>Then we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as God exhorting through us, we beseech *you* on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For He has made Him who knew no sin, *to be* sin for us, that we might become *the* righteousness of God in Him.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>But working together, we also call on you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>(For He says, "In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation, I helped you;" Behold, now *is* the accepted time. Behold, now *is* the day of salvation.) <sup>3</sup>In nothing, *we* give no cause of stumbling, not *any*, so that the ministry may not be blamed, <sup>4</sup>but in everything setting ourselves out as God's servants, in much patience, in troubles, in emergencies, in distresses, <sup>5</sup>in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; <sup>6</sup>in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, <sup>7</sup>in *the* word of truth, in *the* power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right *hand* and on the left, <sup>8</sup>through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown and yet well-known; as dying and, behold, we live; as chastened and not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

<sup>11</sup>O Corinthians, our mouth is opened to you, our heart has been enlarged. <sup>12</sup>You are not restrained in us, but you are restrained in your *own* affections. <sup>13</sup>But for the same reward, (I speak as to children), you also be enlarged.

<sup>14</sup>Do not be unequally yoked together *with* unbelievers; for what fellowship does righteousness *have* with lawlessness? And what partnership does light *have* with darkness? <sup>15</sup>And what agreement does Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believer *have* with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>And what agreement does a temple of God *have* with idols? For you are the temple of *the* living God, as God has said, "I will dwell in them and walk *among* them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." <sup>17</sup>Therefore come out from among them and be separated, says *the* Lord, and do not touch *the* unclean thing. And I will receive you <sup>18</sup>and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says *the* Lord Almighty.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>Then having these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilements of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in *the* fear of God. <sup>2</sup>Make room for us. We wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we overreached no one. <sup>3</sup>I do not speak *this* to condemn *you*, for I have said before that you are in *our* hearts for *us* to die together, and to live together. <sup>4</sup>My boldness of speech *is* great toward you; my glorying on your behalf *is* much. I have been filled with comfort, I am overflowing with joy on all our trouble.

<sup>5</sup>For, indeed, coming into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but being troubled in every way, *with* fightings on *the* outside, and fears on *the* inside. <sup>6</sup>But He who comforts the lowly comforted us by the coming of Titus. <sup>7</sup>And not only by his

coming, but by the comfort with which he was comforted over you, telling us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced the more. <sup>8</sup>For even if I grieved you in the letter, I do not regret; if indeed I did regret; for I see that that letter grieved you for an hour. <sup>9</sup>Now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you grieved to repentance. For you were grieved according to God, so that you might suffer loss by nothing in us. <sup>10</sup>For the grief according to God works repentance to salvation, not to be regretted, but the grief of the world works out death. <sup>11</sup>For behold this same thing (you being grieved according to God); how much it worked out earnestness in you; but *also* defense; but *also* indignation; but *also* fear; but *also* desire; but *also* zeal; but *also* vengeance! In everything you approved yourselves to be clear in the matter.

<sup>12</sup>Then, though I wrote to you, *it was* not on account of the one who did wrong, nor on account of the one who suffered wrong, but for the sake of revealing our earnestness on your behalf, for you before God. <sup>13</sup>Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort, and we rather rejoiced more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. <sup>14</sup>For if I have boasted anything about you to him, I was not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting as to Titus became truth. <sup>15</sup>And his tender feelings are more abundant toward you, remembering the obedience of you all, as you received him with fear and trembling. <sup>16</sup>Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given among the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>that in much testing of trouble, the overflowing of their joy, and the depth of their poverty, abounded to the riches of their generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify *that* according to *their* ability, and beyond *their* ability; *they gave* willingly; <sup>4</sup>with much beseeching, begging us *that they might* receive of us the fellowship of the ministry to the saints. <sup>5</sup>And not as we hoped, but first *they gave* themselves to the Lord, and to us through *the will* of God, <sup>6</sup>for us to call on Titus, that even as he began before, so he would also complete this grace to you also. <sup>7</sup>But even as you abound in everything — in faith, and in word, and in knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love to us — you should abound in this grace also. <sup>8</sup>I do not speak according to command, but through the eagerness of others, and testing the trueness of your love.

<sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, in order that you might be made rich through His poverty. <sup>10</sup>And in this I give my judgment; for this is profitable for you, who began before, not only to do, but also to be willing a year ago. <sup>11</sup>But now also finish the doing of *it*, so that, as *there was* a readiness to will, so also the finishing, *giving* out of what *you* have. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is present, it is acceptable according to *what* one has, and not according to *what* one does not have. <sup>13</sup>For *it is* not that others *may have* ease, but you trouble; <sup>14</sup>but by equality in the present time; your abundance for their need, that their abundance also may be for your need; so that there may be equality; <sup>15</sup>as it is written, “He *gathering* much, he had nothing left over; and he *gathering* little did not have less.”

<sup>16</sup>But thanks *be* to God, who put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. <sup>17</sup>For indeed he accepted the entreaty. But being more earnest, of his own accord he went to you. <sup>18</sup>And we have sent with him the brothers whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches; <sup>19</sup>and not only *so*, but also he having been chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and as a witness of your ready mind; <sup>20</sup>avoiding

this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us; <sup>21</sup>providing for honest things, not only before *the* Lord, but also before men. <sup>22</sup>And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest by the great confidence which *I have* in you. <sup>23</sup>If *anyone inquires* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow-worker for you, or of our brothers, *they are* the messengers of the churches, *the* glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup>Therefore show them a proof of your love and of our boasting toward you in the presence of the churches.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>For indeed regarding the ministry to the saints, it is not necessary for me to write to you. <sup>2</sup>For I know your eagerness, of which I boast to Macedonia on your behalf, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has aroused the greater number. <sup>3</sup>Yet I sent the brothers, lest our boasting (which *is* on your behalf) should not be in vain, that, as I said, you may be ready. <sup>4</sup>*I say this* lest perhaps Macedonians should come with me and find you unprepared. We (not to say you) would then be put to shame in this same confident boasting. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I thought *it* necessary to exhort the brothers that they would go forward to you, and make up beforehand your blessing, it having been promised that this would be ready, thus as a matter of blessing, and not as of covetousness. <sup>6</sup>But *I say* this, He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one, as he purposes in his heart, *let him give*; not of grief, or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that in everything, always having all self-sufficiency, you may abound to every good work; <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scattered; he has given to the poor; his righteousness remains forever."

<sup>10</sup>Now He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness <sup>11</sup>*you* being enriched in everything to all generosity, which works out thanksgiving to God through us.

<sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service not only supplies the things lacking of the saints, but also multiplying through many thanksgivings to God, <sup>13</sup>through the proof of this ministry *they* glorify God for your freely expressed submission to the gospel of Christ, and *the* generosity of the fellowship toward them and toward all, <sup>14</sup>and *in* their prayer for you, who long after you, because of the exceeding grace of God on you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks *be* to God for His unspeakable free gift.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And I myself, Paul, beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ; I, who indeed to look upon am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. <sup>2</sup>But I ask, not being present, that I may be bold with the confidence which I think to be daring against some, who thought of us walking according to flesh. <sup>3</sup>For though walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, <sup>5</sup>pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ; <sup>6</sup>and having readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

<sup>7</sup>Do you look at things according to appearance? If anyone has persuaded himself *that he is* Christ's, let him think this again as to himself, that as he *is* Christ's, even so we *are* Christ's. <sup>8</sup>For even if I should boast somewhat more fully of our authority (which the Lord has given us for building up, and not for pulling you down) I will not be put to shame; <sup>9</sup>so that I might not seem to terrify you by

letters. <sup>10</sup>For indeed they say, the letters *are* weighty and powerful, but the bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech is contemptible. <sup>11</sup>Let such a one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters, being absent, such we *will be* also in deed when we are present. <sup>12</sup>For we do not dare to rank or compare ourselves some of the ones commending themselves. But they, measuring themselves among themselves, and comparing themselves to themselves, *are* not perceptive. <sup>13</sup>But we will not boast beyond measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God distributed to us, to reach even to you. <sup>14</sup>For we do not overstretch ourselves as *though* not reaching to you. For we also came to you in the gospel of Christ; <sup>15</sup>not boasting beyond measure in the labors of others, but having hope that the growing faith among you will be increased according to our rule, to overflowing; <sup>16</sup>to preach the gospel in that beyond you, *and* not to boast in another's rule in things made ready. <sup>17</sup>But *he* who glories, let him glory in *the* Lord. <sup>18</sup>For not he who commends himself is approved, but *he* whom the Lord commends.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>I would that you were bearing with me a little in foolishness; but indeed bear with me. <sup>2</sup>For I am jealous *over* you with godly jealousy. For I have espoused you to one Man, to present *you* as a pure virgin to Christ. <sup>3</sup>But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, so your thoughts should be corrupted from the simplicity *due* to Christ. <sup>4</sup>For if, indeed, the *one* coming proclaims another Jesus, whom we have not proclaimed, or *if* you receive another spirit, which you did not receive, or another gospel, which you never accepted, you might well endure *these*. <sup>5</sup>For I judge *myself* to have come behind the highest apostles in nothing. <sup>6</sup>But even *if I am* unskilled in speech, yet not in knowledge; but in every way *I* have been clearly revealed to you in all things. <sup>7</sup>Or did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? <sup>8</sup>I stripped other churches, taking wages for the serving of you. <sup>9</sup>And being present with you, and in need, I was not a burden to anyone. For the brothers from Macedonia made up completely my need. And in every way I have kept myself from being burdensome *to you*, and I will keep *myself*.

<sup>10</sup>The truth of Christ is in me that this boasting shall not be silenced in me in the regions of Achaia. <sup>11</sup>Why? Because I do not love you? God knows. <sup>12</sup>But what I do, that I will do, so that I may cut off occasion from those who desire occasion; so that in the *thing* in which they boast, they may be found even as we. <sup>13</sup>For such ones *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup>Did not even Satan marvelously transform himself into an angel of light? <sup>15</sup>Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

<sup>16</sup>Again I say, Let no one think me foolish. If otherwise, yet receive me as foolish, so that I may also boast a little. <sup>17</sup>What I speak, I do not speak according to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this boldness of boasting. <sup>18</sup>Since many glory according to the flesh, I also will boast. <sup>19</sup>For you gladly bear with fools, *you* being wise. <sup>20</sup>For you endure if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours, if anyone takes *from you*, if anyone exalts *himself*, if anyone strikes you in the face. <sup>21</sup>I speak according to dishonor, as *though* we have been weak. But in whatever anyone dares (I speak foolishly), I also dare. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? I also! Are they Israelites? I also! Are they the seed of Abraham? I also! <sup>23</sup>Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as beside myself,) *I am* more! *I have been* in labors more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in prisons more, in deaths many times.

<sup>24</sup>Five times from the Jews I received forty stripes minus one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the deep. <sup>26</sup>*I have been* in travels often; in danger from waters; in danger from robbers; in danger from *my* race; in danger from *the* heathen; perils in *the* city; in dangers in *the* wilderness; in dangers on *the* sea; in dangers among false brothers. <sup>27</sup>*I have been* in hardship and toil; often in watchings; in hunger and thirst; often in fastings; in cold and nakedness; *and* <sup>28</sup>besides the things outside conspiring against me daily, the care of all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn? <sup>30</sup>If I might glory, I will glory *in* the things of my infirmity. <sup>31</sup>The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. <sup>32</sup>In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of *the* Damascenes, desiring to lay hold of me. <sup>33</sup>And I was let down in a basket through a window through the wall, and escaped their hands.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Indeed, *it is* not profitable for me to boast. For I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord. <sup>2</sup>I knew a man in Christ more than fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do not know; or out of the body, I do not know; God knows) such a one *was* caught up to the third Heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man (whether in *the* body, or out of the body, I do not know; God knows) <sup>4</sup>that he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not allowed for a man to utter. <sup>5</sup>I will glory of such a one, yet I will not boast on my behalf, except in my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>For if I desire to boast, I shall not be foolish. For I will speak the truth. But I spare, lest anyone should think of me *as being* beyond what he sees me, or hears of me; and by the surpassing revelations, <sup>7</sup>lest I not be made haughty, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be made haughty. <sup>8</sup>For this thing I besought the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may overshadow me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.

<sup>11</sup>I have become foolish boasting. You compelled me. For I ought to be commended by you. For I lacked nothing of the highest apostles, though I am nothing. <sup>12</sup>Truly the signs of the apostles were worked out among you in all patience, in miracles and in wonders, and by works of power. <sup>13</sup>For what is it in which you were inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong.

<sup>14</sup>Behold, a third *time* I am ready to come to you. And I will not burden you, for I do not seek your things, but you. For the children ought not to lay up treasure for the parents, but the parents for the children. <sup>15</sup>And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls, even if loving you more and more, I am loved *the* less. <sup>16</sup>But let it be *so*, I did not burden you. But being crafty, I caught you with bait. <sup>17</sup>By any whom I have sent to you, did I overreach you by him? <sup>18</sup>I begged Titus and sent with *him* the brother. Did Titus overreach you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did *we* not *walk* in the same steps?

<sup>19</sup>Again, do you think we are defending to you? We speak before God in Christ, but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your building up. <sup>20</sup>For I fear, lest somehow coming I might not find you as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you might not wish; lest somehow *there be* strifes, envyings, angers, contentions, backbitings, whisperings, proud thoughts, tumults; <sup>21</sup>lest *in* my



coming again my God will humble me with you; and I shall mourn many who have already sinned, and not repenting over the uncleanness, and fornication, and lustfulness which they have practiced.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>I am coming to you this third *time*. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. <sup>2</sup>I told you before, and I say beforehand, as being present the second *time* and being absent now. I write to those who sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again, I will not spare. <sup>3</sup>Since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me (who is not weak toward you, but is powerful in you; <sup>4</sup>for even if He was crucified through weakness, yet He lives by the power of God; for indeed we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by *the* power of God toward you), <sup>5</sup>examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith, prove your own selves. Do you not know your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are reprobates? <sup>6</sup>But I trust that you will know that we are not reprobates. <sup>7</sup>But I pray to God *for* you not to do evil, none. And not that we may appear approved, but that you should do the good *things*, though we *are deemed* to be reprobates. <sup>8</sup>For we have no power against the truth, but for the truth. <sup>9</sup>For we are glad when we are weak, and you are powerful. But we pray also for this, your perfection. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I write these things while absent, lest being present I may not deal sharply *with you* according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for pulling down.

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers, rejoice. Perfect yourselves; encourage yourselves; mind the same thing; be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle (not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God *the* Father, who raised Him from *the* dead), <sup>2</sup>and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia. <sup>3</sup>Grace be to you, and peace from God *the* Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father — <sup>5</sup>to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>I marvel that you so soon are being moved away from Him who called you into *the* grace of Christ, to another gospel — <sup>7</sup>which is not another, but some are troubling you, and desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from Heaven preach a gospel to you beside what we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup>As we said before, and now I say again, If anyone preaches a gospel to you beside what you have received, let him be accursed.

<sup>10</sup>For now do I persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not have been a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup>And, brothers, I make known to you the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not according to man. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught *it* except by a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you heard my manner of life when *I* was in Judaism, that I persecuted the church of God with surpassing *zeal*, and ravaged it. <sup>14</sup>And *I* progressed in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, being much more a zealot of the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and having called me by His grace, <sup>16</sup>to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the nations, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood; <sup>17</sup>Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those apostles before me, but I went into Arabia and returned again to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw no other of the apostles, except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>And what I write to you, behold, before God, I do not lie. <sup>21</sup>Then I went into the regions of Syria and of Cilicia, <sup>22</sup>and was unknown by face to the churches of Judea in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But only they were hearing that he who then persecuted us, now preaches the faith which he once ravaged. <sup>24</sup>And they glorified God in me.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Then through fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also. <sup>2</sup>And I went up by revelation. And I put before them the gospel which I proclaim in the nations, but privately to those seeming *to be pillars*, lest I run, or I ran, into vanity. <sup>3</sup>(But not even Titus, the *one* with me, a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.) <sup>4</sup>But because of those false brothers stealing in, who stole in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus; they desiring to enslave us; — <sup>5</sup>to whom not even for an hour did we yield in subjection, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. <sup>6</sup>But from those who seemed to be something (what kind they were then does not matter to me; God does not accept the face of man), for those seeming *important* conferred nothing to me. <sup>7</sup>But on the contrary, seeing that I have been entrusted *with* the gospel of the uncircumcision, as Peter to the circumcision; <sup>8</sup>for He working in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision also worked in me to the nations. <sup>9</sup>And knowing the grace given to me, James, and Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, gave right *hands* of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we *go* to the nations, but they to the circumcision. <sup>10</sup>Only *they asked* that we remember the poor, which very thing I was eager to do.

<sup>11</sup>But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed *him* to his face, because he was to be blamed. <sup>12</sup>For before some came from James, he ate with the nations. But when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews also dissembled with him, so as even Barnabas was led away with their dissembling. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before all, If you, being a Jew, live *as* a Gentile, and not *as the* Jews, why do you compel the nations to judaize? <sup>15</sup>We Jews by nature, and not sinners of *the* nations, <sup>16</sup>knowing that a man is not justified by works of the Law, but through faith *in* Jesus Christ — even we believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith *in* Christ, and not by works of the Law. For all flesh will not be justified by works of law. <sup>17</sup>But if, while we seek to be justified in Christ, we also were found to *be* sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Let it not be *said!* <sup>18</sup>For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I confirm myself *as* a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the Law I died to the Law, that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; *yet* no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And that *life* I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself on my behalf. <sup>21</sup>I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness is through Law, then Christ died without cause.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before *your* eyes Jesus Christ was written among you crucified? <sup>2</sup>This only I would learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law, or by hearing of faith? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? Having begun in *the* Spirit, do you now perfect *yourself* in *the* flesh? <sup>4</sup>Did you suffer so many things in vain? — if indeed *it is* even in vain. <sup>5</sup>Then He supplying the Spirit to you and working powerful works in you, *is it* by works of the Law, or by hearing of faith? <sup>6</sup>Even as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Therefore know that those of faith, these are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, preached the gospel before to Abraham, *saying*, “In you shall all nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup>So then those of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>For as many as are out of works of the Law, *these* are under a curse — for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to do them.” <sup>11</sup>But that no one is justified by the Law in the sight of God *is* clear, for, “The just shall live by faith.” <sup>12</sup>But the Law is not of faith; but, “The man who does these things shall live in them.” <sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone having been hanged on a tree”); <sup>14</sup>so that the blessing of Abraham might be to the nations in Jesus Christ, *and* that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

<sup>15</sup>Brothers, I speak according to man, a covenant having been ratified, even *among* mankind, no one sets aside or adds to *it*. <sup>16</sup>And to Abraham and to his Seed the promises were spoken. It does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, “And to your Seed,” which is Christ. <sup>17</sup>And I say this, A covenant having been ratified to Christ by God in Christ, *the* Law (coming into being four hundred and thirty years after) does not annul the promise, so as to abolish *it*. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance *is* of Law, *it is* no more of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by way of promise. <sup>19</sup>Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come to *those* to whom it had been promised, being

ordained through angels in *the* Mediator's hand. <sup>20</sup>But the mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the Law then against the promises of God? Let it not be *said!* For if a law had been given which could have given life, indeed righteousness would have been out of Law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture shut up all under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. <sup>23</sup>But before faith came, we were kept under Law, having been shut up to the faith about to be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>So that the Law has become a trainer of us *until* Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But faith coming, we are no longer under a trainer. <sup>26</sup>For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>But I say, Over so long a time the heir is an infant, he does not differ *from* a slave, though being lord of all; <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and housemasters until the *term* appointed before by the father. <sup>3</sup>Even so we, when we were infants, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, coming into being out of a woman, having come under Law, <sup>5</sup>that He might redeem those under Law, so that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. <sup>7</sup>So that you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, also an heir of God through Christ.

<sup>8</sup>But then, indeed, not knowing God, you served as slaves *to* those not by nature being gods. <sup>9</sup>But now, knowing God, but rather are known by God, how do you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements *to* which you desire to slave anew? <sup>10</sup>You observe days and months and times and years. <sup>11</sup>I fear *for* you, lest somehow I have labored among you in vain.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers, I beseech you, be as *I am*; for *I am* as you. You have not injured me *at all*. <sup>13</sup>But you know that through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel to you before, <sup>14</sup>and you did not despise my temptation in my flesh, nor did you spurn *it*. But you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>What then was your blessedness? For I bear you record that, if you were able, plucking out your eyes, *you* would have given *them* to me. <sup>16</sup>So then did I become your enemy speaking to you the truth? <sup>17</sup>They are zealous for you, but not *well*. But they *only* desire to shut you out, that you be zealous *to* them. <sup>18</sup>But *it is* good to be zealous always in a good thing, and not only in my being present with you. <sup>19</sup>My children, *for* whom I again travail until Christ should be formed in you, <sup>20</sup>even now I desired to be present with you, and to change my voice; for I am in doubt *as to* you.

<sup>21</sup>Tell me, those desiring to be under Law, do you not hear the Law? <sup>22</sup>For it is written: Abraham had two sons, the one out of the slave-woman, and one out of the free woman. <sup>23</sup>But, indeed, he out of the slave-woman has been born according to flesh, and he out of the free woman through the promise; <sup>24</sup>which things are being allegorized; for these are the two covenants — one indeed from Mount Sinai bringing forth to slavery, which is Hagar. <sup>25</sup>For Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup>But the Jerusalem *from* above is free, who is the mother of us all. <sup>27</sup>For it is written, "Rejoice, barren *one* not bearing; break forth and shout, you not travailing; for more *are* the children of the desolate than she having the husband."

<sup>28</sup>But brothers, we, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup>But then even as he born according to flesh persecuted him born according to the Spirit, so also now. <sup>30</sup>But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave-woman and her son; for in no way shall the son of the slave-woman inherit with the son of the free woman." <sup>31</sup>Then, brothers, we are not children of a slave-woman, but of the free woman.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and do not again be held with the yoke of bondage. <sup>2</sup>Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you are circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. <sup>3</sup>For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do all the Law, <sup>4</sup>you who are justified by Law are deprived of all effect from Christ — you fell from grace. <sup>5</sup>For we through *the Spirit* wait for *the hope* of righteousness out of faith. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love. <sup>7</sup>You were running well. Who hindered you *that* you do not obey the truth? <sup>8</sup>This persuasion is not from Him who calls you. <sup>9</sup>A little leaven leavens all the lump. <sup>10</sup>I have confidence in you in *the Lord*, that you will think nothing else, but that he troubling you shall bear the judgement, whoever he may be.

<sup>11</sup>And I, brothers, if I yet proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. <sup>12</sup>I wish that those causing you to doubt will cut themselves off. <sup>13</sup>For, brothers, you were called to liberty. Only do not *use* the liberty for gain to the flesh, but by love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For all the Law is fulfilled in one word, even in *this*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>I say, then, Walk in *the Spirit* and you shall not fulfill *the lusts of the flesh*. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary to one another; lest whatever you may will, these things you do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by *the Spirit*, you are not under Law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, angers, rivalries, divisions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revelings, and things like these — *of which I tell you before, as I also said before, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>meekness, self-control — against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>But those belonging to Christ's have crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts. <sup>25</sup>If we live in *the Spirit*, let us also walk in *the Spirit*. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become glory-seeking, provoking one another, envying one another.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if a man is overtaken in a fault, you the spiritual ones restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks himself to be something, being nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one prove his own work, and then he alone will have a boast in himself, and not in another. <sup>5</sup>For each one will bear *his* own load.

<sup>6</sup>But let him who is taught in the word share with him in all good things. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap. <sup>8</sup>For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>But we should not lose heart in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint. <sup>10</sup>So then as we

have time, let us work good toward all, especially toward *those of* the household of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See in what large letters I write to you with my hand. <sup>12</sup>As many as desire to look well in *the* flesh, these compel you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>For they themselves, having been circumcised, do not even keep *the* Law, but they desire you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup>But may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision *has* any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them and upon the Israel of God.

<sup>17</sup>For the rest, let no one give troubles to me, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>18</sup>Brothers, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ by *the* will of God, to the saints which are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>Grace *be* to you, and peace from God our Father and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ; <sup>4</sup>according as He chose us in Him before *the* foundation of *the* world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>having predestined us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to *the* praise of *the* glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup>which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding; <sup>9</sup>having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup>for an administration of the fullness of times, to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth — *even* in Him, <sup>11</sup>in whom also we have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to *the* purpose of *Him* who works all things according to the counsel of His *own* will — <sup>12</sup>for us to be to *the* praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ; <sup>13</sup>in whom also you, hearing the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the earnest of our inheritance, to *the* redemption of the purchased possession, to *the* praise of His glory.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I also, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love to all the saints, <sup>16</sup>do not cease giving thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers — <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in *the* knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup>the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength <sup>20</sup>which He worked in Christ *in* raising Him from *the* dead, and *He* seated *Him* at His right *hand* in the heavenlies, <sup>21</sup>far above all principality and authority and power and dominion, and every name being named, not only in this world, but also in the coming *age*. <sup>22</sup>And He has put all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>And *He has made* you *alive*, who were once dead in trespasses and sins — <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit *that* now works in the children of disobedience — <sup>3</sup>among whom we also had our way of life in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love *with* which He loved us <sup>5</sup>(even when we were dead in sins) has made us alive together with Christ (by grace you are saved), <sup>6</sup>and has raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus — so that in the ages to come <sup>7</sup>He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God* — <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest any man should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are *His* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that you in time past *were* Gentiles in *the* flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in *the* flesh made by hands; <sup>12</sup>and that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who were once afar off are made near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For He is our peace, He making *us* both one, and He has broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*, <sup>15</sup>having abolished in His flesh the enmity (the Law of commandments contained in ordinances) so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, making peace between them — <sup>16</sup>and *so that He* might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

<sup>17</sup>And *He* came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and *of the* household of God, <sup>20</sup>and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being *the* chief cornerstone — <sup>21</sup>in whom all the building, fitly framed together, grows to a holy temple in *the* Lord — <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together for a dwelling place of God through *the* Spirit.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>For this cause, I, Paul, *am* the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, <sup>2</sup>if you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given to me toward you — <sup>3</sup>that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I wrote before in few words, <sup>4</sup>by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) <sup>5</sup>which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by *the* Spirit — <sup>6</sup>*that* the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partake of His promise in Christ through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effectual working of His power.

<sup>8</sup>This grace is given to me (who am less than the least of all saints) to preach the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ among the Gentiles — <sup>9</sup>and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hidden in God, *who* created all things by Jesus Christ — <sup>10</sup>so that now to the rulers and powers in the heavenlies might be known by the church the manifold wisdom, of God, <sup>11</sup>according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord — <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through His faith.

<sup>13</sup>For this reason I desire *that you* faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. <sup>14</sup>For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man — <sup>17</sup>that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.



<sup>20</sup>Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in *the* Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the calling with which you are called, <sup>2</sup>with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love — <sup>3</sup>endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>*There is one body and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling —* <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all. <sup>7</sup>But to every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Therefore He says, “When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men.” <sup>9</sup>(Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same also as He who ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And He gave some to be apostles, and some to be prophets, and some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers — <sup>12</sup>for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>And this until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ — <sup>14</sup>so that we no longer may be infants, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the dishonesty of men, in cunning craftiness, suited to the wiles of deceit. <sup>15</sup>But that you, speaking the truth in love, may in all things grow up to Him who is the Head, *even* Christ — <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, fitted together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to *the* effectual working in the measure of each part, producing the growth of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

<sup>17</sup>This I say therefore, and testify in *the* Lord, that you should not walk from now on as other Gentiles walk, in *the* vanity of their mind, <sup>18</sup>having the understanding darkened, being alienated *from* the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. <sup>19</sup>For they, being past feeling, have given themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. <sup>20</sup>But you have not so learned Christ — <sup>21</sup>if indeed you have heard Him and were taught by Him, as *the* truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>For you ought to put off the old man (according to your way of living before) who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup>and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. <sup>24</sup>And you should put on the new man, *who* according to God *was* created in righteousness and true holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore putting away lying, let each man speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry, and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down upon your wrath, <sup>27</sup>neither give place to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let *him* who stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which *is* good, so that he may have *something* to give to *him* who needs. <sup>29</sup>Let no filthy communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until *the* day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and tumult and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup>And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be followers of God, as dear children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has given Himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

<sup>3</sup>For let fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness not be once named among you, as becomes saints — <sup>4</sup>neither filthiness, foolish talking, jesting, which are not becoming — but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For you know this, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous *man* (who is an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup>Let no man deceive you with vain words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be partakers with them. <sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in *the* Lord; walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup>proving what is acceptable to the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. <sup>12</sup>For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup>But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest *is* light. <sup>14</sup>Therefore he says, "Awake, you sleeper! And arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." <sup>15</sup>See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. <sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with *the* Spirit, <sup>19</sup>speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord — <sup>20</sup>always giving thanks for all things to God *the* Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting yourselves to one another in *the* fear of God.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to *your* own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church — and He is the Saviour of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by *the* word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present it to Himself *as* the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>So men ought to love their wives as their *own* bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no man ever yet hated his *own* flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord loves the church. <sup>30</sup>For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. <sup>31</sup>For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two of them shall be one flesh. <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself, and the wife *to* reverence her husband.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>Honor your father and mother (which is *the* first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. <sup>4</sup>And fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in *the* nurture and admonition of *the* Lord.

<sup>5</sup>Slaves, be obedient to those who are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ — <sup>6</sup>not with

eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from *the heart* — <sup>7</sup>with good will doing service as to the Lord and not *to men* <sup>8</sup>(knowing that whatever good thing any man does, he shall receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or a freeman). <sup>9</sup>And masters, do the same things to them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in Heaven. There is no respect of persons with Him.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brothers, be strong in *the Lord* and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup>and your feet shod with *the preparation of the gospel of peace*. <sup>16</sup>Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God — <sup>18</sup>praying always with all prayer and supplication in *the Spirit*, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. <sup>19</sup>*And pray* for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in bonds — so that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

<sup>21</sup>But, so that you also may know my affairs *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in *the Lord*, shall make known to you all things — <sup>22</sup>whom I have sent to you for the same purpose, that you might know our affairs and that *he* might comfort your hearts.

<sup>23</sup>Peace to the brothers, and love with faith, from God *the Father* and *the Lord Jesus Christ*. <sup>24</sup>Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, *the* servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons. <sup>2</sup>Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine making *my* request for you all with joy <sup>5</sup>for your fellowship in the gospel from *the* first day until now — <sup>6</sup>being confident of this very thing, that *He* who has begun a good work in you will perform *it* until *the* day of Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>*even* as it is righteous for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart — inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all partakers of my grace. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness how greatly I long after you all in *the* bowels of Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup>And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and in all judgment; <sup>10</sup>that you may approve things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense until *the* day of Jesus Christ — <sup>11</sup>being filled *with* the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup>But I desire that you should understand, brothers, that the things *which* happened to me have fallen out rather to *the* furtherance of the gospel — <sup>13</sup>so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*. <sup>14</sup>And many of the brothers in *the* Lord, becoming confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some indeed even preach Christ because of envy and strife, and some also of good will. <sup>16</sup>Those, indeed, preach Christ out of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds. <sup>17</sup>But these *others* preach in love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

<sup>18</sup>What then? Nevertheless, in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached. And I rejoice in this. Yes, and I will rejoice. <sup>19</sup>For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer and *the* supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup>according to my earnest expectation and hope that I shall be ashamed in nothing, but as always now Christ shall be magnified in my body with all boldness, whether *it is* by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup>For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>But if I live in *the* flesh, this *is* the fruit of *my* labor. Yet I do not know what I shall choose. <sup>23</sup>For I am pressed together by the two: having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, *which is* far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. <sup>25</sup>And having this confidence, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your advancement and joy of faith, <sup>26</sup>so that your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your conduct be as becomes the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you, or else am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, striving together with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and terrified in nothing by your adversaries. For this is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. <sup>29</sup>For to you it is given on behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>If *there is* therefore any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of *the* Spirit, if any tendernesses and mercies, <sup>2</sup>then fulfill my joy, that

you may be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. <sup>4</sup>Do not let each man look upon his own things, but each man also *on the* things of others. <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which *was* also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, thought *it* not robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself *the* form of a servant, and was made in *the* likeness of men — <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even *the* death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted Him, and has given Him a name which is above every name — <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *those* in heaven, and *those* in earth, and *those* under the earth — <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to *the* glory of God *the* Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. <sup>13</sup>For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmurings and disputings, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. Among these you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding forth the word of life, so that I may rejoice with you in *the* day of Christ, that I have not run in vain nor labored in vain. <sup>17</sup>Yes, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>You also joy and rejoice with me. <sup>18</sup>And you also rejoice *in* the same, and rejoice with me.

<sup>19</sup>But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly to you, so that I also may be of good comfort when I know your state. <sup>20</sup>For I have no one who is like-minded, who will naturally care for your state. <sup>21</sup>For all seek their own, not the things which are of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>But you know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he has served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup>Therefore I hope to send him presently, as soon as I shall see how it will go with me. <sup>24</sup>But I trust in *the* Lord that I myself shall also come shortly. <sup>25</sup>Yet I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, *my* brother and fellow-worker, and fellow-soldier, but your messenger and he who ministered to my wants. <sup>26</sup>For he longed after you all and was full of heaviness, because you had heard that he had been sick. <sup>27</sup>For indeed he was sick, even near death, but God had mercy on him — and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I sent him the more carefully, so that you may rejoice when you see him again, and that I may be the less sorrowful. <sup>29</sup>Therefore receive him in *the* Lord with all gladness, and hold such in honor, <sup>30</sup>because for the work of Christ he was near death, not regarding *his* life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Finally, my brothers, rejoice in *the* Lord. To write the same things to you is indeed not grievous to me, but for you *it is* safe. <sup>2</sup>Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision *party*. <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision who worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh — <sup>4</sup>though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other *man* thinks that *he* has reason to trust in the flesh, I more. <sup>5</sup>I was circumcised the eighth day, *of the* stock of Israel, *of the* tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. As regards the Law, I was a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>concerning zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness which is in the Law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup>But no, rather, I also count all things to

be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord — for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count *them* to be dung, so that I may win Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness, *which is* of the Law, but that *which is* through the faith of Christ, the righteousness *which is* of God by faith — <sup>10</sup>that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death; <sup>11</sup>if by any means I might attain to the resurrection of the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I am pressing on, if I may lay hold of that for which I also was taken hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup>My brothers, I do not count myself to have taken possession, but one *thing I do*, forgetting the things behind and reaching forward to the things before, <sup>14</sup>I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Let us therefore, as many as *are* perfect, be of this mind. And if in anything you are otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this to you.

<sup>16</sup>Yet, *as* to that to which we have already attained, *let us* walk in the same rule, let us mind the same thing. <sup>17</sup>Brothers, be imitators together of me, and mark those who walk this way, for you have us *for* a pattern. <sup>18</sup>(For many are walking, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, as the enemies of the cross of Christ; <sup>19</sup>whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, those who mind earthly things.) <sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which also we are looking for the Saviour, *the* Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who shall change our body of humiliation so that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working of His power, even to subdue all things to Himself.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, ones loved and longed for, my joy and crown, stand fast in this way in *the* Lord, beloved ones. <sup>2</sup>I beg Euodia and Syntyche that they be of the same mind in *the* Lord. <sup>3</sup>And I also beg you, true yoke-fellow, help those women who labored in the gospel with me and with Clement, and others of my fellow-laborers, whose names *are* in *the* Book of Life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in *the* Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, my brothers, whatever things *are* true, whatever things *are* honest, whatever things *are* right, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report — if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup>Do those things which you have also learned and received and heard and seen in me. And the God of peace shall be with you.

<sup>10</sup>But I rejoiced in *the* Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me has flourished again. Although you indeed did think, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I speak according to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am. <sup>12</sup>I know *both how* to be abased, and I know *how* to abound. Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Yet you did well in sharing my troubles.

<sup>15</sup>Now you Philippians know also that in *the* beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as regards giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my necessity. <sup>17</sup>I do not say this because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit

that may abound to your account. <sup>18</sup>But I have all, and abound. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things which you sent, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable and well-pleasing to God.

<sup>19</sup>But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now unto God and our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup>Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup>All the saints greet you, most of all those *who are* of Caesar's household. <sup>23</sup>*May* the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ who are at Colosse. Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We give thanks to God and *the* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which *you have* to all the saints, <sup>5</sup>for the hope which is laid up for you in Heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you as *it has* also in all the world, and it is bearing fruit, even also among you, since the day you heard and fully knew the grace of God in truth — <sup>7</sup>even as you learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ for you, <sup>8</sup>he also having shown your love in *the* Spirit to us.

<sup>9</sup>For this cause we also, since the day we heard, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled *with* the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding — <sup>10</sup>*that* you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every work and increasing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long suffering with joyfulness, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>For He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated *us* into the kingdom of His dear Son — <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* Firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For all things were created by Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers — all things were created through Him and for Him.

<sup>17</sup>And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup>And He is the head of the body, the church — who is *the* Beginning, *the* First-born from the dead — that He may be pre-eminent in all things. <sup>19</sup>For it pleased *the* Father that in Him all fullness should dwell. <sup>20</sup>And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, it pleased the Father to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, whether the things on earth or the things in Heaven.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who were once alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup>in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blame, and without charge in His sight, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard *and* which was proclaimed in all the creation under Heaven — of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now *I* rejoice in my sufferings for you, and *I* fill up the things lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for the sake of His body, which is the church — <sup>25</sup>of which *I* became a minister, according to the administration of God given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God — <sup>26</sup>the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup>For to them God would make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, <sup>28</sup>whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>For which *I* also labor, striving according to the working of Him who works in me in power.



## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in *the flesh* — <sup>2</sup>that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, and of *the Father*, and of Christ — <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>And I say this that not anyone should beguile you with enticing words. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. <sup>6</sup>Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>Beware lest anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. <sup>10</sup>And you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power, <sup>11</sup>in whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ — <sup>12</sup>buried with Him in baptism, in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God, raising Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup>blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of *them* publicly, triumphing *over* them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no man judge you in food or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>For these are a shadow of things to come, but the body *is* of Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one defraud you, willing in humility and worship of the angels, intruding into things which he has not seen, without a cause *being* vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding the Head, from whom all the body, having been supplied *with* the joints and bands, and having been joined together, will grow with the growth of God.

<sup>20</sup>If then you died with Christ from the elements of the world, why, as *though* living in *the* world, are you subject to *its* ordinances: <sup>21</sup>touch not, taste not, handle not — <sup>22</sup>which things are all for corruption in the using, according to the commands and doctrines of men? <sup>23</sup>*These* things indeed have a reputation of wisdom in will-worship and humility, and neglecting of *the* body, not in any honor for the satisfying of the flesh.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at *the right hand* of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ our Life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore put to death your members *which* are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness (which is idolatry) — <sup>6</sup>for which things' sake the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Among whom you also once walked, when you lived in these. <sup>8</sup>But now also put off all *these things*: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

<sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his deeds <sup>10</sup>and having put on the new, having been renewed in knowledge according to *the* image of *Him* who created him — <sup>11</sup>where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, foreigner, Scythian, slave or freeman — but *Christ is* all things in all.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender feelings of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering — <sup>13</sup>forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against any. As *Christ* forgave you, so also you do. <sup>14</sup>And above all these things *put on* love, which is *the* bond of perfectness. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you also are called in one body, and be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of *Christ* dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup>And everything, whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of *the* Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *the* Father by *Him*.

<sup>18</sup>Wives, be subject to *your* own husbands, as is becoming in *the* Lord. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them. <sup>20</sup>Children, obey *your* parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they be discouraged. <sup>22</sup>Slaves, obey *your* masters according to the flesh in all things; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. <sup>23</sup>And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men; <sup>24</sup>knowing that from *the* Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance. For you serve *the* Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup>But *he* who does wrong shall receive justice for *the wrong* which he did, and there is no respect of persons.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Masters, give to your slaves that which *is* just and equal, knowing that you also have a Master in Heaven. <sup>2</sup>Continue in prayer and watch in it with thanksgiving, <sup>3</sup>praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the word, to speak the mystery of *Christ*, for which I also have been bound — <sup>4</sup>that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward those on the outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup>*Let* your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

<sup>7</sup>Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in *the* Lord, will make known to you all things about me. <sup>8</sup>I sent him to you for this very purpose, that he might know the things about you, and that he might comfort your hearts, <sup>9</sup>along with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known to you all things which are done here.

<sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (regarding whom you received commandments; if he comes to you, receive him), <sup>11</sup>and Jesus, *who* is called Justus, those being of the circumcision. These alone are my fellow-workers for the kingdom of God, who became a comfort to me.

<sup>12</sup>Epaphras greets you, *he being* of you, a servant of *Christ*, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup>For I bear him record that he has a great zeal for you and for those who are in Laodicea and those in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. <sup>15</sup>Greet the brothers who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church in his house.

<sup>16</sup>And when this letter is read before you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you also read *the letter* of Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in *the* Lord, that you fulfill it.

<sup>18</sup>The salutation of Paul, by my own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

# THE FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians, *which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ*. Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and *the Lord Jesus Christ*.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God for you always, making mention of you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father — <sup>4</sup>knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God. <sup>5</sup>For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in *the Holy Spirit*, and in much assurance — as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, welcoming the word in much affliction, with joy of *the Holy Spirit* — <sup>7</sup>so that you were examples to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For from you the word of the Lord sounded out, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to speak anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves witness what kind of entrance we had to you, even how you turned from idols to God in order to serve *the living and true God*, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for His Son from Heaven (whom He raised from *the dead*), Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>For, my brothers, you yourselves know our coming in to you, that it was not in vain. <sup>2</sup>But also suffering before, being insulted in Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much agony. <sup>3</sup>For our exhortation to you *was not* of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile, <sup>4</sup>but as we have been approved by God to be entrusted *with* the gospel, even so we speak — not as pleasing men, but God, who tries our hearts. <sup>5</sup>For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor with pretense of covetousness — God *is* witness — <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek glory from men, neither from you nor from others, being able to be *so* with heaviness, as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse warmly cherishes her children. <sup>8</sup>So affectionately longing for you, we were willing to have imparted to you, not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you have become beloved to us.

<sup>9</sup>For, my brothers, you remember our labor and toil. For laboring night and day in order not to put a burden on any one of you, we preached the gospel of God to you. <sup>10</sup>You and God *are* witnesses how holily and justly and blamelessly we were to you who believe — <sup>11</sup>even as you know how we exhorted and comforted and testified to each one of you, as a father *to* his children, <sup>12</sup>that you should walk worthy of God, who has called you to His kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup>And for this cause we thank God without ceasing, that when you received *the* word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it as* the word of God, not *as* a word of men, but as it is, truly *the* word of God, which also effectually works in you who believe. <sup>14</sup>For you, my brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also have suffered these things *by your own countrymen*, even as they also by the Jews — <sup>15</sup>who both killed the Lord Jesus and *their own* prophets, also driving us out and they do not please God and *are* contrary to all men, <sup>16</sup>forbidding us to speak to the nations that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always — but the wrath has come upon them *to the uttermost*.

<sup>17</sup>But, my brothers, when we were taken away from you for an hour's time (in presence, not in heart), we were much more eager with much desire to see your face. <sup>18</sup>Therefore we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us. <sup>19</sup>For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* you not even *to be* in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? <sup>20</sup>For you are our glory and joy.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Therefore when we could no longer endure, we were pleased to be left at Athens alone. <sup>2</sup>And we sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and to comfort you concerning your faith, <sup>3</sup>so that no one should be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to them. <sup>4</sup>For truly, when we were with you, we told you before that we were going to suffer affliction — as it also happened, even you know.

<sup>5</sup>For this cause, when I could no longer endure, I also sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter may have tempted you and our labor may have been in vain. <sup>6</sup>But now when Timothy came from you to us and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you have good remembrance of us always, desiring to see us (as we also you), <sup>7</sup>then, my brothers, we were comforted over you, through your faith, even in all our affliction and needs — <sup>8</sup>for now we live, if you stand fast in *the* Lord. <sup>9</sup>For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy *with* which we rejoice for your sakes before our God — <sup>10</sup>night and day praying exceedingly for *me* to see your face and to perfect the things lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>And may God Himself and our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you to increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all, even as we do toward you — <sup>13</sup>in order to establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>For the rest, then, my brothers, we beseech you and exhort you in *the* Lord Jesus, that, as you have received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, so you would abound more and more. <sup>2</sup>For we know what commands we gave you by the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>For this is *the* will of God, your sanctification, *for* you to abstain from fornication, <sup>4</sup>each one of you to know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor <sup>5</sup>(not in the passion of lust, even as the nations who do not know God), <sup>6</sup>not to go beyond and defraud his brother in this matter (because the Lord *is the* avenger concerning all these, as we also have forewarned you and testified). <sup>7</sup>For God has not called us to uncleanness, but in sanctification. <sup>8</sup>Therefore *he* who despises does not despise man, but God, who also has given us His Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>But regarding brotherly love, you do not need *that I* write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. <sup>10</sup>And indeed you do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we beseech you, brothers, that you grow more and more, <sup>11</sup>and that you try earnestly to be quiet and to do *your own* business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you — <sup>12</sup>so that you may walk becomingly toward those outside, and *that you* may lack nothing.

<sup>13</sup>But I would not have you ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, that you be not grieved, even as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him all those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. <sup>15</sup>For we say this to you by *the* word

of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not go before those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds, to meet the Lord in *the* air. And so we shall ever be with *the* Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>But of the times and the seasons, my brothers, you have no need that *I* write to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know accurately that the day of *the* Lord comes like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>For when they shall say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes on them, as travail upon a woman with child. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all the sons of light and the sons of the day. We are not of the night, or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep as the rest *do*, but let us watch and be calm. <sup>7</sup>For *those* sleeping sleep in the night, and *those* being drunken are drunken in the night. <sup>8</sup>But let us, who are of the day, be calm, having put on *the* breastplate of faith and love and *the* hope of salvation *for* a helmet. <sup>9</sup>For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we watch or sleep we should live together with Him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore comfort one another, and edify one another, even as you also do.

<sup>12</sup>And, my brothers, we beseech you to know those who labor among you, and are over you in *the* Lord, and who admonish you — <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brothers, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all men. <sup>15</sup>See *that* none gives evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the good, both towards one another and towards all. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice evermore. <sup>17</sup>Pray without ceasing. <sup>18</sup>In everything give thanks, for this *is* the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophesying. <sup>21</sup>Prove all things, hold fast to the good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every appearance of evil.

<sup>23</sup>And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Faithful *is* He who called you, who also will do *it*.

<sup>25</sup>Brothers, pray for us. <sup>26</sup>Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup>I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers. <sup>28</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

# THE SECOND LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of *the* Thessalonians in God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We are bound to thank God always for you, my brothers, as it is right, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each one of you abounds toward one another — <sup>4</sup>so much so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations which you endure. <sup>5</sup>*For this is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which you also suffer — <sup>6</sup>*since it is* a righteous thing with God to repay tribulation to those who trouble you, <sup>7</sup>and to give rest with us to you who are troubled, at the revealing of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with the angels of His power — <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ — <sup>9</sup>who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from *the* presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup>when He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all those who believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that Day. <sup>11</sup>Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, <sup>12</sup>that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Now we beseech you, my brothers, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, <sup>2</sup>that you should not be soon shaken *in* mind or troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word or letter, as through us, as if the day of Christ is at hand. <sup>3</sup>Let not anyone deceive you by any means. *For that Day shall not come* unless there first comes a falling away, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition — <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called god, or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, setting himself forth, that he is God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>6</sup>And now you know what holds him back, to the end that he might be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already working, until he who is now holding back is taken out of the midst. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming — <sup>9</sup>*whose* coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish — because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, <sup>12</sup>so that all those who do not believe the truth, but delight in unrighteousness, might be condemned.

<sup>13</sup>But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brothers beloved of *the* Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of *the* Spirit and belief of *the* truth — <sup>14</sup>to which He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of *the* glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>Therefore,

my brothers, stand fast and hold the teachings which you have been taught, whether by word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, who has loved us and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Finally, my brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you. <sup>2</sup>And pray that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men — for all men do not *have* faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you and keep *you* from evil. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in *the* Lord regarding you, that you both do and will do the things which we command you. <sup>5</sup>And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks disorderly, and not after the teaching which he received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us. For we did not behave ourselves disorderly among you, <sup>8</sup>neither did we eat any man's bread *for* nothing, but we worked with labor and travail night and day, so that we might not be chargeable to any of you <sup>9</sup>(not because we do not have power, but to make ourselves an example to you, to follow us). <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we commanded you this, that if any man would not work, neither should he eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that there *are* some who walk disorderly among you, not working at all, but being busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now we command and exhort those who are such, by our Lord Jesus Christ, that they work with quietness and eat their own bread. <sup>13</sup>But you, brothers, do not be weary *in* well-doing. <sup>14</sup>And if any man does not obey our word by this letter, mark that man and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. <sup>15</sup>Yet do not count *him* as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

<sup>16</sup>And may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord bless you all. <sup>17</sup>The greeting of Paul by my own hand which is *the* sign in every letter, so I write. <sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

# THE FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the command of God our Saviour, and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, <sup>2</sup>to Timothy, my own son in the faith. Grace, mercy *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Even as I begged you to remain *at* Ephesus, *when I* was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine, <sup>4</sup>nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies (which provide doubts rather than a stewardship of God in faith). <sup>5</sup>But the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned — <sup>6</sup>from which some, having swerved, have turned aside to foolish talking, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the Law, yet neither understanding what they say nor that which they affirm. <sup>8</sup>But we know that the law *is* good if a man uses it lawfully — <sup>9</sup>knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous one, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup>for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and anything else that is contrary to sound doctrine — <sup>11</sup>according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

<sup>12</sup>And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry — <sup>13</sup>*me*, who before was a blasphemer and a persecutor and insolent. But I obtained mercy, because being ignorant, I did *it* in unbelief. <sup>14</sup>And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. <sup>16</sup>But for this cause I was shown mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, as a pattern to those being about to believe on Him to life everlasting. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, *the* only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>18</sup>This charge I commit to you, *my* son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before about you — in order that you might war a good warfare by them, <sup>19</sup>holding faith and a good conscience, which some have put away and made shipwreck as to faith. <sup>20</sup>Among these are Hymeneus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I exhort *that* supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men — <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup>For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For God *is* one, and *there* is one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave Himself a ransom for all, *to be* testified in due time. <sup>7</sup>To this I am ordained a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ *and* do not lie), a teacher of *the* nations, in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, I desire that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. <sup>9</sup>In the same way also, I desire that women adorn themselves in decent clothing, with modesty and sensibleness, not adorned with braiding, or gold, or pearls, or costly clothing, <sup>10</sup>but with good works, which becomes women professing godliness.



<sup>11</sup>Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. <sup>12</sup>But I do not allow a woman to teach, or to exercise authority *over* a man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was first formed, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. <sup>15</sup>But she shall be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and holiness with sensibleness.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Faithful *is* the word: If anyone reaches out to overseership, he desires a good work. <sup>2</sup>Then the overseer must be blameless, husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, apt to teach — <sup>3</sup>not a drinker, not quarrelsome, not greedy of ill gain, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous — <sup>4</sup>ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all honor. <sup>5</sup>(For if a man does not know how to rule *his* own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) — <sup>6</sup>not a novice, lest being puffed up he may fall into *the* condemnation of the Devil. <sup>7</sup>But he must also have a good report from those who are on the outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the Devil.

<sup>8</sup>In the same way the deacons *are to be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of ill gain, <sup>9</sup>having the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let these also first be tested, then let them use the office of a deacon, being blameless. <sup>11</sup>Even so *their wives are to be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and households well. <sup>13</sup>For they having served well gain a good grade for themselves, and much boldness in the faith, those in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>I write these things to you, hoping to come to you shortly. <sup>15</sup>But if I should delay, that you may know how you ought to behave in the house of God, which is *the* church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. <sup>16</sup>And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached to the nations, believed on *in the* world, and received up into glory.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup>speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in *their* own conscience, <sup>3</sup>forbidding to marry, *saying* to abstain from foods which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup>For every creation of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

<sup>6</sup>Having suggested these things to the brothers, you shall be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and by the good doctrine which you have followed. <sup>7</sup>But refuse profane and old-womanish tales, and exercise yourself to godliness. <sup>8</sup>For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable to all things, having promise of the present life, and of that which is to come. <sup>9</sup>Faithful *is* the word, and worthy of all acceptance. <sup>10</sup>For to this we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in *the* living God, who is the preserver of all men, especially of those who believe.

<sup>11</sup>Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Let no one despise your youth, but be an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, attend to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the body of elders. <sup>15</sup>Meditate on these things; be in these things in order that your improvement may appear to all. <sup>16</sup>Hold on to yourself and to the doctrine;

continue in them, for doing this you shall both save yourself and those who hear you.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Do not sharply rebuke an elder, but exhort as a father, *and* the younger ones as brothers, <sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, the younger as sisters in all purity. <sup>3</sup>Honor widows who are widows indeed. <sup>4</sup>But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to be godly to their own house, and give back to *their* forebears what is due them — for that is good and pleasing before God. <sup>5</sup>But she being really a widow, and having been left alone, trusts on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup>But she who lives in self-pleasure has died *while* living.

<sup>7</sup>And command these things so that they may be blameless. <sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for *his* own, and especially *his* family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. <sup>9</sup>Do not let a widow be enrolled under sixty years *old*, the wife of one man, <sup>10</sup>well reported of for good works — if she brought up children, if she lodged strangers, if she washed the feet of the saints, if she relieved the afflicted, if she followed after every good work.

<sup>11</sup>But refuse younger widows, for whenever they grow lustful against Christ, they desire to marry; <sup>12</sup>having guilt because they have cast off the first faith. <sup>13</sup>And with it all they also learn *to be* idle, going around the houses — and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things they ought not. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I want *the* younger ones to marry, bear children, guide the house, giving no occasion to the adversary because of reproach. <sup>15</sup>For some have already turned aside after Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any believing man or believing woman has widows, let them relieve *them*, and do not let the church be charged, so that it may relieve those who are widows indeed.

<sup>17</sup>Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and teaching. <sup>18</sup>For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox treading out *grain*,” and, “The laborer *is* worthy of his reward.”

<sup>19</sup>Do not receive an accusation against an elder except *before* two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup>Those who sin, rebuke before all, so that the rest also may fear. <sup>21</sup>I charge *you* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you guard these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality.

<sup>22</sup>Do not lay hands quickly on anyone, neither be partaker of *the* sins of others. Keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup>Drink water no longer, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake, and for your many infirmities. <sup>24</sup>Some men’s sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment. And some follow after. <sup>25</sup>Likewise also the good works of *some* are manifest beforehand, and those otherwise cannot be hidden.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Let as many slaves as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name and teaching of God may not be blasphemed. <sup>2</sup>And those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brothers. But rather let them serve, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit should “in return.” Teach and exhort these things.

<sup>3</sup>If anyone teaches otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words (those of our Lord Jesus Christ), and to the doctrine according to godliness, <sup>4</sup>he is proud, knowing nothing. *He is* sick concerning doubts and arguments, from which comes envy, strife, evil speakings, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>meddling of men whose minds have been corrupted and deprived of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness.

Withdraw from such. <sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, *and it is* certain that we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup>But having food and clothing, we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But they who will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which plunge men into death and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all evils, of which some having lusted after, *they* were seduced from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

<sup>11</sup>But you, O man of God, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, *and* meekness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you are also called and have professed a good profession before many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you before God (who makes all things alive) and in the sight of Christ Jesus (who witnessed the good confession *before* Pontius Pilate), <sup>14</sup>that you keep the commandment without spot and without blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>*For He* in His own time will reveal *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords — <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, dwelling in light which cannot be approached, whom no one of men have seen, nor can see — to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>Charge the rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, He offering to us richly all things to enjoy — <sup>18</sup>that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to share, to be generous, — <sup>19</sup>laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

<sup>20</sup>O Timothy, guard the Deposit, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and opposing the theories of falsely-named science, <sup>21</sup>which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

# THE SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ *by the* will of God, according to the promise of life which *is* in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>to Timothy, *my* dearly beloved child. Grace, mercy, peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, <sup>4</sup>greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, — <sup>5</sup>taking recollection of the unfeigned faith that is in you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and *in* your mother Eunice. And I am persuaded that *it is* in you also. <sup>6</sup>Therefore I remind you to inflame anew the gift of God, which is in you by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor *of* me His prisoner. But be partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to *the* power of God, <sup>9</sup>who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to *His* own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the eternal times. <sup>10</sup>But it is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has made death of no effect, bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel — <sup>11</sup>to which I am appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher of the nations.

<sup>12</sup>For this cause I also suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that Day. <sup>13</sup>Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit *given* through *the* Holy Spirit indwelling in us.

<sup>15</sup>This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup>May the Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed *of* my chain. <sup>17</sup>But when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently and found *me*. <sup>18</sup>May the Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from *the* Lord in that Day. And in how many things he ministered to me at Ephesus, you know very well.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>No one who wars tangles with the affairs of this life, that he may please *him* who chose *him* to be a soldier. <sup>5</sup>And also if anyone competes, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully. <sup>6</sup>*It is right that* the laboring farmer partake first of the fruits. <sup>7</sup>Consider what I say, and the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

<sup>8</sup>Remember that Jesus Christ *of the* seed of David was raised from *the* dead according to my gospel — <sup>9</sup>in which I suffer ill as an evildoer, *even* to bonds. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>Faithful *is* the word, for if we are dead with *Him*, we shall also live with *Him*. <sup>12</sup>If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup>If we do not believe Him, yet He remains faithful — He cannot deny Himself.

<sup>14</sup>Put *them* in memory of these things, charging them before the Lord not to dispute about words to no profit, to *the* subverting of the hearers. <sup>15</sup>*Study* earnestly to show yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. <sup>16</sup>But shun profane, vain babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup>And their word will eat like a gangrene — among whom is Hymeneus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup>who have erred concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and who overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: “*The* Lord knew those who are His.” And, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity!”

<sup>20</sup>But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth — and some to honor, and some to dishonor. <sup>21</sup>Therefore if anyone purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honor, sanctified and useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup>But flee youthful lusts, and follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with *those* who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. <sup>23</sup>But avoid foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they give birth to strifes. <sup>24</sup>But the servant of *the* Lord must not strive, but to be gentle to all, apt to teach, patient — <sup>25</sup>in meekness instructing those who opposing, *if* perhaps God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of *the* truth, <sup>26</sup>and *that* they awake out of the snare of the devil, so as to do the will of that one.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Know this also, that in *the* last days grievous times will be. <sup>2</sup>For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>without natural affection, unyielding, false accusers, without self-control, savage, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these. <sup>6</sup>For of these are those who creep into houses and lead captive silly women loaded with sins, led away with different kinds of lusts, <sup>7</sup>ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of *the* truth. <sup>8</sup>But as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so these also resist the truth — men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. <sup>9</sup>But they shall proceed no further. For their foolishness shall be plain to all, as theirs also became.

<sup>10</sup>But you have fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, afflictions, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! But the Lord delivered me out of all. <sup>12</sup>Yea, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and seducers will go forward to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But continue in the things that you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup>and that from a babe you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to every good work.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore I solemnly witness before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead according to His appearance and His kingdom — <sup>2</sup>preach the word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup>For the time will be when they will not endure sound doctrine, but they will heap up teachers to themselves according

to their own lusts, tickling the ear. <sup>4</sup>And they will turn away *their* ears from the truth and will be turned to myths.

<sup>5</sup>But you watch in all things, endure afflictions, do *the* work of an evangelist, “fully carry out your ministry.” <sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out, and the time of my release is here. <sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day – and not to me only, but also to all those who love His appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Make haste to come to me quickly. <sup>10</sup>For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and *he* has departed to Thessalonica. Crescens *went* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring *him* with you, for he is profitable to me for the ministry. <sup>12</sup>And I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith showed many evil things to me. The Lord will give to him according to his works. <sup>15</sup>You also should beware of *him*, for he has greatly withstood our words.

<sup>16</sup>At my first answer no one was beside me, but all deserted me. May it not be laid to their charge. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, that through me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the nations might hear. And I was delivered out of *the* mouth of the lion. <sup>18</sup>And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom – to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup>Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup>Erastus stayed at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletum. <sup>21</sup>Try to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers. <sup>22</sup>May the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO TITUS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ (according to *the* faith of God's elect, in the acknowledging of *the* truth which is according to godliness — <sup>2</sup>on hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before *the* eternal times, <sup>3</sup>but revealed in its own times in a proclamation of His word, with which I was entrusted by *the* command of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>to Titus, a true child according to *our* common faith. Grace mercy *and* peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

<sup>5</sup>For this cause I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed you <sup>6</sup>if anyone is blameless, husband of one wife, having believing children, not accused of loose behavior, or unruly. <sup>7</sup>For an overseer must be blameless, as a steward of God — not self-willed, not full of passion, not given to wine, not quarrelsome, not greedy for ill gain; <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of good, discreet, just, holy, temperate <sup>9</sup>holding fast the faithful word according to the doctrine, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convict the gainsayers.

<sup>10</sup>For there are indeed many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of *the* circumcision, <sup>11</sup>whose mouth *you* must stop, who subvert whole houses, teaching things not right for the sake of ill gain. <sup>12</sup>One of them, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. <sup>13</sup>This witness is true; for which cause convict them sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith — <sup>14</sup>not giving heed to Jewish myths and commandments of men, turning away from the truth. <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things *are* pure. But to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing *is* pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled. <sup>16</sup>They profess that they know God, but in *their* works they deny *Him*, being abominable and disobedient and reprobate to every good work.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>But you speak the things which become sound doctrine: <sup>2</sup>aged men to be temperate, sensible, discreet, sound in faith, in love, in patience. <sup>3</sup>Let *the* aged women likewise be in reverent behavior, not slanderers, not enslaved by much wine, teachers of good; <sup>4</sup>that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. <sup>6</sup>Likewise exhort the young men to be discreet; <sup>7</sup>In all things having shown yourself a pattern of good works: in doctrine, purity, sensibleness, without corruption; <sup>8</sup>in sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he who is opposed may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

<sup>9</sup>Slaves *are* to be obedient to *their* masters, to please *them* well in all things, not talking back, <sup>10</sup>not stealing, but showing all good faith, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Saviour in all things. <sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly, righteously and godly, in this present world — <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ — <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify to Himself a special people, zealous of good works. <sup>15</sup>Speak these things, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Put them in mind to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to every good work, <sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, not being quarrelsome, *but* forbearing, showing all meekness to all men. <sup>3</sup>For we ourselves also *were* once foolish, disobedient, deceived, slaving for various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup>not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through *the* washing of regeneration and renewal of *the* Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>which He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup>that being justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

<sup>8</sup>Faithful *is* the word, and as to these things, I desire that you strongly affirm that *those* believing God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. <sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions, and strivings *about the* Law, for they are unprofitable and vain. <sup>10</sup>After the first and second warning, reject a man of heresy, <sup>11</sup>knowing that he who is such has been perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, hasten to come to me at Nicopolis — for I have determined to winter there. <sup>13</sup>Diligently set forward Zenas the lawyer, and Apollos, that nothing may be lacking to them. <sup>14</sup>And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, so that they may not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>All those with me greet you. Greet those who love us *in the* faith. May grace be with you all. Amen.



# THE LETTER TO PHILEMON

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy *our* brother, to Philemon the beloved and fellow-laborer, <sup>2</sup>and to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house. <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all saints, <sup>6</sup>that the fellowship of your faith may operate in a full knowledge of every good thing in you in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>For we have great joy and consolation over your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to enjoin you *to do* the fitting thing — <sup>9</sup>rather through love I entreat, being such a one as Paul *the* aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ — <sup>10</sup>I entreat you for my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in my bonds, <sup>11</sup>*he* once worthless to you, but now useful to you and to me; whom I sent back to you. <sup>12</sup>Even receive him, that is, my own heart, <sup>13</sup>whom I resolved to retain with me, so that for you he might have ministered to me in the bonds of the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But without your consent I was willing to do nothing, that your good should not be of necessity, but willingly. <sup>15</sup>For perhaps because of this he was separated from you for an hour, that you should receive him eternally — <sup>16</sup>not now as a slave, but beyond a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in *the* flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>If then you have me as a partner, receive him as me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you or owes you *in* anything, put that on my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, wrote it with my own hand; I will repay — that I do not say to you that you owe even yourself to me also. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, *that* I may have your help in *the* Lord, refresh my heart in *the* Lord. <sup>21</sup>Trusting to your obedience, I wrote to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say. <sup>22</sup>But at once prepare lodging for me, for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

<sup>23</sup>Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, <sup>24</sup>and *also* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-laborers. <sup>25</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

# THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>God, who at many times and in many ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds — <sup>3</sup>who being the shining splendor of *His* glory, and the express image of His essence, and upholding all things by the word of His power, having made purification of our sins, *He* sat down on *the* right of the Majesty on high — <sup>4</sup>being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He say at any time, “You are My Son, this day I have begotten Thee?” And again, “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?” <sup>6</sup>And again, when He brings in the First-born into the world, He says, “And let all *the* angels of God worship Him.” <sup>7</sup>And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.” <sup>8</sup>But to the Son *He* says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, Your God, has anointed You *with* the oil of gladness above Your fellows.” <sup>10</sup>And, “You, Lord, have laid the foundation of the earth in *the* beginning, and the heavens are the works of Your hands. <sup>11</sup>They shall perish, but You will remain. And *they* shall all become old as a garment, <sup>12</sup>and as a covering You shall fold them up, and *they* shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail.” <sup>13</sup>But to which of the angels, did He say at any time, “Sit on My right *hand* until I make Your enemies Your footstool?” <sup>14</sup>Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation?

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip. <sup>2</sup>For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and if every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape *if* we neglect so great a salvation — which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by those who heard Him — <sup>4</sup>God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with different kinds of miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

<sup>5</sup>For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to the angels. <sup>6</sup>But one testified in a certain place, saying, “What is man, that You are mindful of him? or the son of man, that You visit him?” <sup>7</sup>You have made him a little lower than *the* angels. You crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of Your hands. <sup>8</sup>You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not see all things put under him. <sup>9</sup>But we see Jesus, who *was* made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He by *the* grace of God should taste death for every son. <sup>10</sup>For it became Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For both He who sanctifies and *they* who are sanctified are all of One — for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will declare Your name to My brothers; *in the* midst of *the* church I will sing

praise to Thee.”<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put My trust in Him.” And again, “Behold Me and the children whom God has given Me.”

<sup>14</sup>Since then the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise partook of the same — that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death (that is, the devil),<sup>15</sup> and deliver those who through fear of death were all their *lifetime* subject to bondage.<sup>16</sup> For truly He did not take *the nature of angels*, but He took hold of the seed of Abraham.<sup>17</sup> Therefore in all things it behoved him to be made like *His* brothers, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest *in* things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of *His* people.<sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to rescue those who are being tempted.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, called *to be* partakers of the heavenly, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup> who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all his house.<sup>3</sup> For He was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, because he who has built the house has more honor than the house.<sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.<sup>5</sup> And Moses truly *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken afterward.<sup>6</sup> But Christ was faithful as a Son over his own house — whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today if you will hear His voice,<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness,<sup>9</sup> when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.<sup>10</sup> Therefore I was grieved with that generation and said, They always err in their heart, and they have not known My ways.<sup>11</sup> So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest.”

<sup>12</sup>Take heed, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from *the* living God.<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through *the* deceitfulness of sin.<sup>14</sup> For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to *the* end,<sup>15</sup> while it is said, “Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.”<sup>16</sup> For some, when they had heard, did provoke — however, not all who came out of Egypt by Moses.<sup>17</sup> But with whom was He grieved forty years? *Was* it not with those who had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?<sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that *they should* not enter into His rest, but to those who did not believe?<sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, a promise being left to enter into His rest, let us fear lest any of you should seem to come short of it.<sup>2</sup> For the gospel was preached *to us*, as well as to them. But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.<sup>3</sup> For we who have believed do enter into the rest, as He said, “I have sworn in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest” — although the works were finished from *the* foundation of the world.<sup>4</sup> For He spoke in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested the seventh *day* from all His works.”<sup>5</sup> And in this *place* again, “They shall not enter into My rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since then it remains *that* some must enter into it, and since they to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of unbelief,<sup>7</sup> He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” (after so long a time). Even as it is said,

“Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. <sup>9</sup>So then there remains a rest to the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For he who has entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God *did from His*.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore let us labor to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to *the* dividing apart of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things *are* naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. <sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great High Priest *who* has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted just as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men *in* the things pertaining to God, so that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins — <sup>2</sup>who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are out of the way. For he himself also is compassed *with* infirmity. <sup>3</sup>And because of this he should, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. <sup>4</sup>And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called of God, as Aaron *was*. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify Himself to be made a high priest, but He who said to Him, “You are My Son, today I have begotten Thee.” <sup>6</sup>As he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>For Jesus, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong cryings and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared — <sup>8</sup>though being a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, He became *the* Author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him, <sup>10</sup>being called by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek — <sup>11</sup>of whom we *have* many things to say, and hard to be explained since you are dull of hearing.

<sup>12</sup>For indeed because of the time, *you* ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again what are the first principles of the oracles of God. And you have become *in* need of milk, and not of solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who uses milk *is* unskillful *in* the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. <sup>14</sup>But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, even those who because of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, leaving the discourse of the beginning of Christ, let us go on to full growth — not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>of the baptisms, of teaching, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And this we will do, if God permits.

<sup>4</sup>For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of *the* Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of *the* world to come, <sup>6</sup>and who have fallen away — *it is* impossible, I say, to renew *them* again to repentance, since *they* crucify the Son of God afresh to themselves and put *Him* to an open shame. <sup>7</sup>(For the earth which drinks in the rain that comes often upon it, and brings forth plants

fit for those by whom it is dressed, receives blessing from God. <sup>8</sup>But that which bears thorns and briers is rejected and is near cursing, whose end *is* to be burned.) <sup>9</sup>But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you and things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this way. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and *do* minister.

<sup>11</sup>And we desire that every one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope to the end — <sup>12</sup>that you be not slothful, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

<sup>13</sup>For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, *He* swore by Himself, <sup>14</sup>saying, Surely in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply you. <sup>15</sup>And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup>For men truly swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife. <sup>17</sup>In this way God, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath — <sup>18</sup>so that by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before *us* — <sup>19</sup>*which hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil, <sup>20</sup>where the Forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>For this Melchizedek, who was king of Salem and priest of the most high God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him. <sup>2</sup>To him Abraham also gave a tenth part of all. He was first by interpretation king of righteousness, and after that also king of Salem, which is king of peace — <sup>3</sup>without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, *he* remains a priest continually.

<sup>4</sup>Now consider how *great this man* was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. <sup>5</sup>And truly they who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priest, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the Law — that is, from their brothers, though they come out of the loins of Abraham. <sup>6</sup>But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup>And without all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. <sup>8</sup>And here men who die receive tithes; but there *he receives them*, of whom *it is* witnessed that he lives. <sup>9</sup>And if I may say so, Levi, also, who receives tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore if perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup>For the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change made in the law also. <sup>13</sup>For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man gave attendance at the altar. <sup>14</sup>For *it is* evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. <sup>15</sup>And it is still far more evident, since there arises a different priest after the likeness of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup>who is made, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to *the* power of an endless life. <sup>17</sup>For He testifies, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>18</sup>For truly there is a putting away of *the* commandment which went before, because of the *weakness* and unprofitableness of it. <sup>19</sup>For the Law made nothing

perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did — by which we draw near to God. <sup>20</sup>And inasmuch as *He* was not made priest without an oath <sup>21</sup>for those priests were made without an oath, but this one was made with an oath by Him who said to Him, “The Lord swore and will not repent, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” — <sup>22</sup>by so much was Jesus made a surety of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup>And they truly were many priests, because they were not allowed to continue because of death — <sup>24</sup>but this One, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup>Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost those who come unto God by Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens — <sup>27</sup>who does not need, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice daily, first for *his* own sins and then for the people’s sins. For He did this once for all, when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup>For the Law makes men high priests who have infirmity, but the word of the swearing of an oath, after the Law, has *consecrated the Son* forever, having been perfected.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>Now the sum of the things which we have spoken *is this*: We have such a High Priest, who has sat down on *the* right of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, <sup>2</sup>a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

<sup>3</sup>For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary *that* this One have something to offer also. <sup>4</sup>For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the Law, <sup>5</sup>who serve the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was warned of God when he was about to make the tabernacle. For, He says “See *that* you make all things according to the pattern shown to you in the mountain.”

<sup>6</sup>But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by so much He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which was built upon better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been without fault, then no place would have been sought for the second. <sup>8</sup>For finding fault with them, He said to them, “Behold, days are coming, says *the* Lord, and I will make an end on the house of Israel and on the house of Judah — a new covenant *shall be*, <sup>9</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took hold of their hand to lead them out of *the* land of Egypt,” because they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not regard of them, says *the* Lord. <sup>10</sup>“For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says *the* Lord — I will put My laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup>And they shall not each man teach his neighbor, and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord — for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more.”

<sup>13</sup>In that He says, A “new” covenant, He has made the first one old. Now that which decays and becomes old *is* ready to vanish away.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>Then truly the first *tabernacle* had also ordinances of divine service and an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup>For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which *was* both the lampstand, and the table, and the setting out of the loaves, which is called holy. <sup>3</sup>And after the second veil *was* a tabernacle which is called *the* Holy of Holies, <sup>4</sup>having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid all around with gold, in which was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup>And over it *were the* cherubs of glory

overshadowing the mercy-seat — about which we cannot now speak piece by piece. <sup>6</sup>Now when these things were ordained in this way, the priests always went into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. <sup>7</sup>But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people — <sup>8</sup>the Holy Spirit signifying by this that the way into the Holiest of all was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. <sup>9</sup>For it was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make him who did the service perfect as regards the conscience <sup>10</sup>which stood only in meats and drinks, and different kinds of washings and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ had become a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building <sup>12</sup>not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, having obtained eternal redemption for us. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ (who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unto God) purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

<sup>15</sup>And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new covenant, so that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

<sup>16</sup>For where a covenant is, the death of him covenanting must be offered. <sup>17</sup>For a covenant is affirmed over those dead, since it never has force when the covenanting one is living. <sup>18</sup>From which we see that neither was the first covenant dedicated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the testament which God has enjoined to you.”

<sup>21</sup>Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. <sup>22</sup>And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission. <sup>23</sup>Therefore it was necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves were purified with better sacrifices than these.

<sup>24</sup>For Christ has not entered into the Holy of Holies made with hands, which are the figures of the true — but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. <sup>25</sup>Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place every year with the blood of others <sup>26</sup>(for then He must have suffered often since the foundation of the world), but now once in the end of the world He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. <sup>27</sup>And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. And to those who look for Him He shall appear the second time without sin to salvation.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>For the Law which has a shadow of good things to come, not the very image of the things, appearing year by year with the same sacrifices, which they offer continually, they are never able to perfect those drawing near. <sup>2</sup>For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the worshippers, when they had been once for all purged, would have had no more conscience of sin. <sup>3</sup>But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again of sins every year. <sup>4</sup>For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You have prepared a body for Me. <sup>6</sup>In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have had no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God."

<sup>8</sup>Above, when He said, "Sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings and offering for sin You did not desire, neither did You have pleasure in them" (which are offered by the Law), <sup>9</sup>then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first so that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By this will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands daily ministering and offering often the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right of God, <sup>13</sup>from then on expecting until His enemies are made His footstool. <sup>14</sup>For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also is a witness to us; for after He had said before, <sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord; I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," <sup>17</sup>and, "their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more." <sup>18</sup>Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my brothers, having boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way which He has consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh — <sup>21</sup>and having a High Priest over the house of God — <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful who promised), <sup>24</sup>and let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works — <sup>25</sup>not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

<sup>26</sup>For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup>but a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. <sup>28</sup>He who despised Moses' law died without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, shall he be thought worthy who has trodden underfoot the Son of God, and who has counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup>For we know Him who has said, "Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay, says the Lord." And again, "The Lord shall judge His people." <sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>32</sup>But call to memory the former days, in which (after you were illuminated) you endured a great fight of afflictions — <sup>33</sup>partly being exposed both by reproaches and afflictions, and partly while you became companions of those who were so used. <sup>34</sup>For you both sympathized with my bonds and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that you have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance. <sup>35</sup>Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. <sup>36</sup>For you have need of patience, so that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise. <sup>37</sup>For yet a little while, and He who shall come will come and will not delay. <sup>38</sup>Now, "the Just shall live by faith. But if he draws back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." <sup>39</sup>But we are not of those who draw back to destruction, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.



## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is *the* substance of things hoped for, *the* evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the elders obtained a good report. <sup>3</sup>Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by a word of God, so that the things seen *should not have* come into being out of the things that appear.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts. And by it he, being dead, yet speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was translated *so as* not to see death, and he was not found, because God had translated him — for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. <sup>6</sup>But without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, prepared an ark to *the* saving of his house, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out into a place which he was afterward going to receive for an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he went. <sup>9</sup>By faith he lived in the land of promise as in a strange country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs of the same promise with him. <sup>10</sup>For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

<sup>11</sup>Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him who had promised *to be* faithful. <sup>12</sup>Therefore there sprang even from one, and him as good as dead, as many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. And they were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For they who say such things declare plainly that they seek a fatherland. <sup>15</sup>And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. <sup>16</sup>But now they stretch forth to a better *fatherland*, that is, a heavenly *one*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, being tested, offered up Isaac. And he who had received the promises offered up his only-begotten son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said that in Isaac your seed shall be called — <sup>19</sup>concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from *the* dead — from where he even received him, in a figure. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandment concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, having been born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he was* a beautiful child. And they were not afraid of the king's commandments. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he had come to years, refused to be called *the* son of Pharaoh's daughter — <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time — <sup>26</sup>esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>Through faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest He who destroyed the first-born should touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land* — which the Egyptians

attempting to do were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been compassed seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephtha — David also, and Samuel and the prophets — <sup>33</sup>who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the strangers. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead raised to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover, of bonds and imprisonments. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawed in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword — they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. <sup>38</sup>The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains and dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup>And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup>for God had provided some better thing for us, that they should not be made perfect without us.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>Therefore since we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us — <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured *the* cross, despising the shame, and sat down at *the* right of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>For consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be weary and faint in your minds. <sup>4</sup>You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. <sup>5</sup>And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to children, “My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint *when* you are rebuked by Him; <sup>6</sup>for whom *the* Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives.” <sup>7</sup>If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons — for what son is he whom the father does not chasten? <sup>8</sup>But if you are without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then you are bastards and not sons.

<sup>9</sup>Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence. Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For truly they chastened *us* for a few days according to their own pleasure, but He for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of His holiness. <sup>11</sup>Now chastening for the present does not seem to be joyous, but grievous. Nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift up the hands which hang down and the enfeebled knees. <sup>13</sup>And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed.

<sup>14</sup>Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord; <sup>15</sup>looking diligently lest any fail of the grace of God, or lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and by it many are defiled <sup>16</sup>(lest there be any fornicator, or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected — for he did not find any place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears).

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to *the* mountain that might be touched and that burned with fire, nor to blackness and darkness and tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words (which voice they who heard begged that the word should not be spoken to them any more, <sup>20</sup>for they could not endure that *which* was commanded, "And if so much as a beast should touch the mountain, it shall be stoned or thrust through with a dart," <sup>21</sup>and so fearful was the sight that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake); <sup>22</sup>but you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of *the* living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels — <sup>23</sup>to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are written in Heaven, and to God *the* judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus *the* Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See *that* you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape, those who refused him that spoke on earth, much more we *shall not escape* if we turn away from Him who speaks from Heaven — <sup>26</sup>whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once *more* I will not only shake the earth, but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup>And this *word*, "Yet once *more*," signifies the removing of those *things* that are shaken, as of things that have been made, so that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear — <sup>29</sup>for also, "Our God *is* a consuming fire."

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not be forgetful to entertain strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with *them*, and those who suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. <sup>4</sup>Marriage *is* honorable in every way, and the bed undefiled — but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. <sup>5</sup>*Let your* way of life be without the love of money, and be content with such things as you have — for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" <sup>6</sup>so that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me."

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, who have spoken to you the word of God. Follow *their faith*, considering the end of *their* conduct: <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be carried about with different and strange doctrines, for *it is good for* the heart to be established with grace, not with foods, in which those who have walked *in them* were not helped.

<sup>10</sup>We have an altar of which they have no right to eat, those who serve the tabernacle. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals, *whose* blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>Therefore Jesus also, so that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. <sup>15</sup>By Him, then, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, *the* fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. <sup>16</sup>But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders, and be submissive, for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account, that they may do it with joy and not *with* grief — for that *is* unprofitable for you. <sup>18</sup>Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. <sup>19</sup>But I beseech *you* the rather to do this, so that I may be more quickly restored to you.

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace (who brought again our Lord Jesus from *the* dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through *the* blood of *the* everlasting covenant) <sup>21</sup>make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that *which is* well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>22</sup>And I beseech you, brothers, allow the word of exhortation. For I have written a letter to you in few *words*. <sup>23</sup>Know that our brother Timothy has been set at liberty – with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you. <sup>24</sup>Greet all those who have the rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. <sup>25</sup>Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

# THE LETTER FROM JAMES

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>James, a servant of God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion, greeting: <sup>2</sup>My brothers, count *it* all joy when you fall into different kinds of temptations, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the trying of your faith works patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have *its* perfect work, so that you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup>But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and with no reproach, and it shall be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For he who doubts is like a wave of *the* sea, driven by the wind and tossed. <sup>7</sup>For do not let that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>*he is* a double-minded man, not dependable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup>But let *the* humble brother rejoice in his exaltation; <sup>10</sup>and the rich one *rejoice* in his humiliation, because he shall pass away as *the* flower of *the* grass. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rose with the hot wind and dried up the grass, and its flower fell out, and the beauty of its appearance perished — so also the rich one will fade away in his ways.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed *is the* man who endures temptation, because having been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from God. For God is not tempted by evils, and He tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each one is tempted by *his* lusts, being drawn away and seduced by *them*. <sup>15</sup>Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin. And sin, when it is fully formed, brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not err, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning. <sup>18</sup>Of His own will He brought us forth with *the* word of truth, for us to be a certain first-fruit of His creatures. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. <sup>20</sup>For *the* wrath of man does not work out *the* righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup>Therefore putting aside all filthiness and overflowing of evil, receive in meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But become doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone *is* a hearer of *the* word and not a doer, he is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he studied himself and went his way, and immediately he forgot what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in *it*, he is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of *the* work. This one shall be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks to be religious among you, *yet* does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain. <sup>27</sup>Pure religion and undefiled before God and *the* Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, do not have the faith of our Lord Christ, *the* Lord of glory, with respect of persons. <sup>2</sup>For if there comes a man with a gold-fingered ring and fancy clothes into your assembly, and if there also comes in a poor man in shabby clothing — <sup>3</sup>and if you have respect to him who has the fancy clothing and say to him, You sit here in a good place, and say to the poor, You stand there, or sit here under my footstool; <sup>4</sup>Did you not make a difference among yourselves and became judges *with* evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup>But you dishonored the poor one. Do not rich men oppress you and draw you before the judgment seats? <sup>7</sup>Do they not

blaspheme that worthy name by which you are called? <sup>8</sup>If you fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. <sup>9</sup>But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. <sup>11</sup>For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." But if you do not commit adultery, yet if you murder, you have become a transgressor of *the* law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and do as those who shall be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For he who has shown no mercy shall have judgment without mercy, and mercy rejoices against judgment.

<sup>14</sup>My brothers, what profit *is it* if a man says he has faith and does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup>and if one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled — but you do not give them those things which are needful to the body — what good *is it*? <sup>17</sup>Even so, if it does not have works, faith is dead, *being* by itself. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God, you do well — even the demons believe and tremble. <sup>20</sup>But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? <sup>22</sup>Do you see how faith worked with his works, and by the works faith was made complete? <sup>23</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God." <sup>24</sup>You see then how a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. <sup>25</sup>And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she had received the messengers and had sent *them* out another way? <sup>26</sup>For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, do not be many teachers, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. <sup>2</sup>For in many things we all offend. If anyone does not offend in word, the same *is* a full-grown man, able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup>Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, so that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup>Behold also the ships, which, though so great and driven by fierce winds, yet they are turned about with a very small rudder, where the impulse of him steering desires. <sup>5</sup>Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

Behold how little a fire kindles how large a forest! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity — so is the tongue set among our members, spotting all the body and inflaming the course of nature, and being inflamed by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of animals, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of sea-animals, *is* tamed, and has been tamed by mankind. <sup>8</sup>But no one can tame the tongue, *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>By this we bless God, even *the* Father. And by this we curse men, who have come into being according to *the* image of God. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>*Does* a fountain send forth at the same hole the sweet and the bitter? <sup>12</sup>Can the fig tree, my brothers, bear olive berries; or a vine, figs? So no fountain *can* yield *both* salt water and fresh.

<sup>13</sup>Who *is* wise and knowing among you? <sup>14</sup>Let him show his works by *his* good conduct with meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and strife in your hearts, do not glory and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where envying and strife

are, there is confusion and every foul deed. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first truly pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>From where do wars and fightings among you come? *Is it* from this, from your lusts which war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You desire, and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and cannot obtain. You fight and war, yet you have not because you ask not. <sup>3</sup>You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* upon your lusts.

<sup>4</sup>Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity *with* God? Therefore whoever desires to be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The spirit that dwells in us yearns to envy? <sup>6</sup>But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. <sup>7</sup>Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, sinners; and purify *your* hearts, double-minded ones. <sup>9</sup>Be afflicted, and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to heaviness. <sup>10</sup>Be humbled before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

<sup>11</sup>Do not speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against *his* brother, and who judges his brother, speaks against *the* Law and judges *the* Law. But if you judge the Law, you are not a doer of *the* Law, but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you who judge another?

<sup>13</sup>Come now, those saying, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city and spend a year there, and we will trade and will make a profit, <sup>14</sup>who do not know of the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is a vapor, which appears for a little *time*, and then disappears. <sup>15</sup>Instead of you saying, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that. <sup>16</sup>But now you boast in your presumptions. All such boastings are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore to *him* who knows to do good, and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Come now, rich ones, weep and howl for your hardships coming on. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their poison will be a witness against you, and will eat your flesh as fire. You heaped treasure in *the* last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the hire of the laborers reaping your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of those who have reaped have entered into the ears of *the* Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived luxuriously on the earth, and lived wantonly. You have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned *and* murdered the just; he does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and has long patience for it, until he receives *the* early and the latter rain. <sup>8</sup>You also be patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of your Lord draws near. <sup>9</sup>Do not grudge against one another, brothers, lest you be condemned. Behold, *the* Judge stands before the door. <sup>10</sup>My brothers, take the prophets who have spoken in the name of *the* Lord, for *an* example of suffering ill, and of patience. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we count blessed those who endure. You have heard of the patience of Job, and you have seen *the* end of *the* Lord — that the Lord is full of pity and of tender mercy. <sup>12</sup>But before all things,

my brothers, do not swear; neither by Heaven nor by the earth, nor any other oath. But let *your* yes be yes, and your no, no, lest you fall into condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup>Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will cure the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him.

<sup>16</sup>Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous one avails much.* <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man of like passion as we are. And he prayed earnestly that *it* might not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for the time of three years and six months. <sup>18</sup>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.

<sup>19</sup>Brothers, if anyone among you err from the truth, and if anyone turns him back, <sup>20</sup>know that he who turns back the sinner from *the* error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.



# THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to *the* elect sojourners of *the* Dispersion of Pontus, of Galatia, of Cappadocia, of Asia, and of Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of *the* Spirit, to obedience and sprinkling of *the* blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us again to a living hope through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from *the* dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and unfading, reserved in Heaven for you <sup>5</sup>by the power of God, having been kept through faith to a salvation ready to be revealed in *the* last time; <sup>6</sup>in which you greatly rejoice, yet a little *while*, if need be, grieving in manifold temptations — <sup>7</sup>so that the trial of your faith (being much more precious than that of gold that perishes, but being proven through fire) might be found to praise and honor and glory at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ — <sup>8</sup>whom having not seen, you love; in whom not yet seeing, but believing in *Him* you exult with unspeakable joy, and have glorified *Him*, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the end of your faith, *the* salvation of *your* souls.

<sup>10</sup>About which salvation the prophets sought out and searched out prophesying concerning the grace for you; <sup>11</sup>searching for what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ made clear within them, testifying beforehand of the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow. <sup>12</sup>To *them* it was revealed that not to themselves, but to us, they ministered the things which are now reported to you by those who have preached the gospel to you in *the* Holy Spirit sent from Heaven — which things the angels desire to look into.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore girding up the loins of your mind, being sober, perfectly hope for the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>as obedient children — not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in *your* ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but according to the Holy One who has called you, you also become holy in all conduct, <sup>16</sup>because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to the work of each one, pass the time of your sojourning in fear — <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from *your* fathers, <sup>19</sup>but with *the* precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; <sup>20</sup>having been foreknown before *the* foundation of *the* world, but revealed in *the* last times for you, <sup>21</sup>those believing in God through Him, He who raised Him up from *the* dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God. <sup>22</sup>Purifying your souls in the obedience of the truth through *the* Spirit to unfeigned love of the brothers, love one another fervently out of a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the living word of God, and abiding forever. <sup>24</sup>For all flesh *is* as grass, and all *the* glory of men as *the* flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls out, <sup>25</sup>but *the* word of *the* Lord endures forever. And this is the word preached as gospel to you.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore laying aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envyings, and all evil speakings, <sup>2</sup>desire the sincere milk of the word, as newborn babes, so that you may grow by it; <sup>3</sup>if truly you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. <sup>4</sup>For having been drawn to *Him*, a living Stone, indeed rejected by men, but elect, precious with God; <sup>5</sup>you also as living stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus

Christ. <sup>6</sup>Therefore also it is contained in the Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner Stone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him shall never be ashamed." <sup>7</sup>Therefore to you who believe *is* the honor. But to those who are disobedient, *He is the Stone* which the builders rejected — this One became *the Head of the corner*, <sup>8</sup>and a Stone-of-stumbling and a Rock-of-offense to those disobeying, who stumble at the word, to which they also were appointed. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light — <sup>10</sup>*you* who then were not a people, but now the people of God, those not pitied *then*, but now pitied.

<sup>11</sup>Dearly beloved, I exhort *you* as strangers and aliens to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, <sup>12</sup>having your conduct honest among the nations, in that which they speak against you as evildoers, they may glorify God in a day of *His* visitation, seeing *your* good works. <sup>13</sup>Then be in obedience to every ordinance of men, because of the Lord — whether to a king as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by Him for vengeance *on* evildoers, but for praise *on* well-doers. <sup>15</sup>For such is the will of God, doing good to silence the ignorance of foolish men; <sup>16</sup>as free, and not having freedom as a cover of evil, but as servants of God.

<sup>17</sup>Honor all. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. <sup>18</sup>Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear, not only to those good and forbearing, but also to the perverse *ones*. <sup>19</sup>For this *is* a grace, if for conscience toward God anyone endures grief, suffering wrongfully. <sup>20</sup>For what glory *is it* if you patiently endure *while* sinning and being buffeted? But if you suffer *while* doing good, and patiently endure, this *is* a grace from God. <sup>21</sup>For were you not called to this? For Christ also suffered on our behalf, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps — <sup>22</sup>*He* who did no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth, <sup>23</sup>who when He was reviled did not revile in return. *When He* suffered, He did not threaten, but gave *Himself* up to Him who judges righteously. <sup>24</sup>*He* Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that dying to sins, we might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were as sheep going astray, but now you *are* turned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Likewise, wives, *be* in subjection to *your* own husbands — so that if any do not obey the word, they may also be won without the word by the conduct of the wives, <sup>2</sup>having witnessed your chaste behavior in fear. <sup>3</sup>Of whom let not be the adorning of garments, *or* outward braiding of hair and wearing of gold, or of putting on clothing, <sup>4</sup>but the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great price in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup>For so once indeed the holy women hoping in God adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands; <sup>6</sup>as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord — whose children you became, doing good and fearing no terror. <sup>7</sup>Likewise, husbands, living together according to knowledge, giving honor to the *wife* as to the weaker vessel, as truly *being* heirs together of *the* grace of life, not cutting off your prayers.

<sup>8</sup>And finally, all *be* of one mind, having compassion on one another, loving *the* brothers, tender-hearted, friendly. <sup>9</sup>Never give back evil for evil, or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, *give* blessing, knowing that you are called to this so that you might inherit blessing. <sup>10</sup>For he that wants to love life and to see good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking guile. <sup>11</sup>Let him turn aside from evil and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup>For the eyes of *the* Lord *are* on the righteous, and His ears *open* to their prayers. But the Lord's face *is* against those who do evil.

<sup>13</sup>And who is he who will harm you if you become imitators of the good? <sup>14</sup>But if you also suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their fear, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to everyone who asks you a reason of the hope in you, with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, that while they speak against you as evildoers they may be shamed, those falsely accusing your good behavior in Christ. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if the will of God wills it, to suffer *for* well-doing than *for* evil-doing. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, indeed being put to death *in the flesh*, but made alive in the Spirit; <sup>19</sup>in which also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>to disobeying ones, when once the long-suffering of God waited in *the days* of Noah, while the ark was being prepared (in which a few, that is, eight souls were saved through water) — <sup>21</sup>which figure now also saves us, baptism — not a putting away of the filth of *the flesh*, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ; <sup>22</sup>who going into Heaven is at *the right hand* of God, *where* the angels and authorities and powers *are* being subjected to Him.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, Christ has suffered for us *in the flesh*; also you arm yourselves *with* the same thought, that he suffering *in the flesh* has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>for *him* no longer to live the remaining time *in the flesh* in *the* lusts of men, but in *the* will of God. <sup>3</sup>For the time of life which is past *is* enough for us to have worked out the will of the nations, having gone *on* in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, parties, carousings, and abominable idolatries. <sup>4</sup>In *these* things they are surprised, that you *are* not running with *them* into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*. <sup>5</sup>But they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For to this *end* the gospel was preached also to *the* dead, that they might be judged according to men *in the flesh*, but live according to God *in the Spirit*.

<sup>7</sup>But the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be of sound mind, and be sensible to prayers. <sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love to yourselves, for love will cover a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another, without grudging; <sup>10</sup>each one as he received a gift, ministering it to yourselves as good stewards of *the* manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, *let it be* as the words of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as of the ability which God gives, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory, and the might forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be astonished *at* the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you — <sup>13</sup>but rejoice according as you are partakers of Christ's suffering, so that when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, *you are* blessed, because the Spirit of God and of glory rests on you. Truly according to them, He is blasphemed, but according to you He is glorified. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or a meddler in the affairs of others. <sup>16</sup>But if *one* suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God because of this. <sup>17</sup>For the time *has come* for the judgment to begin from the house of God. And if it first *begins* from us, what *will be* the end of those disobeying the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing, as to a faithful creator.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>I exhort the elders who are among you, *I being* also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. <sup>2</sup>Feed the flock of God among you, taking the oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly; nor for base gain, but readily; <sup>3</sup>nor as lording it over those allotted *to you*, but becoming examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory.

<sup>5</sup>Likewise, younger ones, be subject to older ones, and all being subject to one another. Put on humility. For God resists proud ones, but He gives grace to the humble. <sup>6</sup>Therefore be humbled under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxiety onto Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sensible *and* vigilant, because your adversary *the* Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone he may devour; <sup>9</sup>whom firmly resist in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions in *the* world are being completed in your brotherhood. <sup>10</sup>But the God of all grace, He calling us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after *you* have suffered a little, *He* will perfect, confirm, strengthen, *and* establish *you*. <sup>11</sup>To Him *be* the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>I wrote to you through a few words, by Silvanus, a faithful brother to you, as I suppose, exhorting and testifying this to be *the* true grace of God in which you stand. <sup>13</sup>The fellow-elected in Babylon greet you; also Mark my son. <sup>14</sup>Greet one another with a kiss of holy love. Peace *be* to you, all those in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us through *the* righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup>according as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue — <sup>4</sup>through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might be partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in *the* world through lust.

<sup>5</sup>But also in this very thing, bringing in all diligence, filling out your faith *with* virtue, and *with* virtue, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and *with* knowledge self-control, and *with* self-control patience, and *with* patience godliness, <sup>7</sup>and *with* godliness brotherly kindness, and *with* brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup>For if these things are in you and abound, *you shall not be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But *he* in whom these things *are* not present is blind and cannot see afar off and has forgotten that he was purged from his sins in times past.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, rather be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things, you shall never fall. <sup>11</sup>For so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will not neglect to put you always in remembrance of these things, though *you* know them and are established in the present truth. <sup>13</sup>But I think *it* right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by a reminder, <sup>14</sup>knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will also be diligent to cause you to always have memory of these things.

<sup>16</sup>For not following cunningly devised fables, but becoming eyewitnesses of the majesty of Jesus Christ, we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord. <sup>17</sup>For He received honor and glory from God *the* Father, when was borne to Him a voice from the excellent glory, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>And we heard this voice being borne from Heaven, being with Him in the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>We also have a more sure word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts — <sup>20</sup>knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture came into being of *its* own private interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy was not borne at any time by *the* will of man, but holy men of God spoke being borne along by *the* Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who secretly will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And many will follow their pernicious ways, and because of them the way of truth will be evil spoken of. <sup>3</sup>And through covetousness they will use you for gain with well-turned words; for whom judgment from of old does not linger, and their destruction does not sleep.

<sup>4</sup>For God did not spare the angels who sinned, but thrust *them down* into Tartarus, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, being reserved to judgment. <sup>5</sup>And *He* did not spare *the* old world, but saved Noah *the* eighth one, a preacher

of righteousness, bringing in *the flood* upon the world of the ungodly. <sup>6</sup>And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, *He* condemned *them* with an overthrow, setting an example to men intending to live ungodly. <sup>7</sup>And He delivered righteous Lot, oppressed with the lustful behavior of the lawless. <sup>8</sup>For that righteous one living among them, in seeing and hearing, *his* righteous soul was tormented from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds.

<sup>9</sup>*The Lord* knows *how* to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust for a day of judgment, to be punished — <sup>10</sup>and especially those who walk after the flesh in *the* lust of uncleanness, and despise dominion. *They are* darers, self-satisfied; not trembling *at* glories, speaking evil. <sup>11</sup>Where angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reproaching accusation against them before *the Lord*. <sup>12</sup>But these, as unreasoning natural brute animals, having been born for capture and corruption, speak evil *of* the things that they do not understand. And they will utterly perish in their own corruption, <sup>13</sup>being about to receive *the wages* of unrighteousness, counting it pleasure to riot in the daytime. *They* revel in spots and blemishes, feasting along with you in their deceits, <sup>14</sup>having eyes full of adultery and never ceasing from sin, alluring unstable souls, having a heart exercised with covetousness. *They are* cursed children <sup>15</sup>who have forsaken the right way and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved *the wages* of unrighteousness, <sup>16</sup>but had proof of *his* iniquity — *the dumb ass*, speaking with a man's voice, held back the madness of the prophet. <sup>17</sup>These are wells without water, clouds driven with a tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever. <sup>18</sup>For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they lure through *the* lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lust, the ones who *were* escaping from those who live in error; <sup>19</sup>promising them liberty, they themselves are the slaves of corruption. For by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this one he has been enslaved. <sup>20</sup>For if *they* have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus, and are again entangled, *they* have been overcome by these, *their* last things *are* worse than the first. <sup>21</sup>For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than knowing *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. <sup>22</sup>But the *word* of the true proverb has happened to them: The dog turning to *his* own vomit; and, *The* washed sow to wallowing in the mire.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, I now write this second letter to you, in which I stir up your pure mind to remember <sup>2</sup>the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of the Lord and Saviour by us, the apostles. <sup>3</sup>First, knowing this, that there will come in *the* last days scoffers walking according to their own lusts <sup>4</sup>and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from *the* beginning of creation. <sup>5</sup>For this is hidden from them *by their* willing *it*, that *the* heavens were of old, and *the* earth out of the water, and through water, being held together by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>through which the world that then *was*, being flooded by water, perished. <sup>7</sup>But the present heavens and the earth being kept in store by the same word, *are* being kept for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup>But, beloved, let not this one thing be hidden *from* you, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow *concerning His* promise, as some men count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any *of us* should perish, but that all *of us* should come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of *the* Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, and *the* elements will melt with

fervent heat. And *the* earth and the works in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup>Then, all these things being *about* to be dissolved, what sort ought you to be in holy behavior and godliness, <sup>12</sup>looking for and rushing the coming of the day of God, on account of which *the* heavens, being on fire, will melt away, and *the* elements will melt, burning with heat? <sup>13</sup>But according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, looking for these things, be diligent, spotless, and without blemish, to be found by Him in peace. <sup>15</sup>And think of the long-suffering of our Lord as salvation — as our beloved brother Paul also has written to you according to the wisdom given to him <sup>16</sup>(as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also *they do* the rest of the Scriptures, to *their* own destruction).

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, beloved, you knowing beforehand, beware lest being led away with the error of the lawless, you fall from *your* own steadfastness. <sup>18</sup>But grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.

# THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>That which was from *the* beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life, <sup>2</sup>(for the Life was revealed, and we have seen it and bear witness, and show to you the everlasting Life, who was with the Father and was revealed to us), <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we write these things to you so that your joy may be full.

<sup>5</sup>And this is the message which we have from Him and declare to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I write these things to you so that you do not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ *the* righteous. <sup>2</sup>And He is the propitiation concerning our sins, and not concerning ours only, but also concerning *the sins* of all the world. <sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He who says, I have known Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly in this one the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

<sup>7</sup>Brothers, I do not write a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the word which you have heard from *the* beginning. <sup>8</sup>Again, I write a new commandment to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light now shines. <sup>9</sup>He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness until now. <sup>10</sup>He who loves his brother rests in the light, and there is no offense in him. <sup>11</sup>But he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because darkness has blinded his eyes.

<sup>12</sup>I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from *the* beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. <sup>14</sup>I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, <sup>16</sup>because all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.



<sup>18</sup>Little children, it is the last time. And just as you have heard that anti-christ is coming, even now many anti-christs have risen up, from which we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup>They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they were of us, they would have continued with us. But *they went out*, so that it might be revealed that they were not all of us. <sup>20</sup>But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. <sup>21</sup>I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. <sup>22</sup>Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He who denies the Father and the Son is antichrist. <sup>23</sup>Everyone who denies the Son neither has the Father. <sup>24</sup>Therefore what you heard from *the beginning*, let it abide in you. If what you heard from *the beginning* remains in you, you will abide in both the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup>And this is the promise that He has promised us: everlasting life. <sup>26</sup>These things I have written to you concerning those leading you astray. <sup>27</sup>But the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true and no lie, and as He has taught you, abide in Him. <sup>28</sup>And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He is revealed, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him in His coming. <sup>29</sup>If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does righteousness has been born of Him.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God. Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. But we know that when He shall be revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope in himself purifies himself, even as He is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, *for sin is lawlessness*. <sup>5</sup>And you know that He was revealed that He might bear our sins, and in Him is no sin. <sup>6</sup>Everyone who abides in Him does not sin. Everyone who sins has not seen Him nor known Him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He who practices sin is of the Devil, for the Devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might undo the works of the Devil. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who has been born of God does not commit sin, because His seed remains in him, and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup>In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the Devil: everyone not practicing righteousness is not of God, also he who does not love his brother. <sup>11</sup>For this is the message that you have heard from *the beginning*, that we should love one another — <sup>12</sup>not as Cain was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's things *were* righteous.

<sup>13</sup>Do not marvel, my brothers, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. <sup>15</sup>Everyone hating his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer has everlasting life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup>By this we have known the love of *God*, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God dwell in him?

<sup>18</sup>My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>And in this we shall know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him, <sup>20</sup>that if our heart accuses us, God is greater than our heart and knows

all things. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not accuse us, we have confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup>And whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup>And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. <sup>24</sup>And he who keeps His commandment dwells in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He gave to us.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God; <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the antichrist you heard is coming, and even now it is already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are of the world, therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup>We are of God. He who knows God hears us. *The one* who is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God. <sup>8</sup>*The one* who does not love has not known God. For God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was revealed in us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation concerning our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

<sup>12</sup>No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. <sup>16</sup>And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup>In this is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, that as He is, so also we are in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love Him because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup>And we have this commandment from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

#### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. And everyone who loves Him who begets also loves him who has been born of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, whenever we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everything that has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is He who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ — not by water only, but by the water and blood. And the Spirit is He who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. *For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three*

are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are three that bear witness in the earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three are to the one.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater. For this is the witness of God which He has testified about His Son. <sup>10</sup>He who believes on the Son of God has the witness in himself. He who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he does not believe the record that God gave of His Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the record, that God has given to us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I have written these things to you who believe on the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. <sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother sin a sin not to death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for those that do not sin to death. There is a sin to death, I do not say that he shall pray for it. <sup>17</sup>All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin to death. <sup>18</sup>We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin, but the *one* born of God guards himself, and the evil one does not touch him. <sup>19</sup>We know that we are of God, and all the world lies in evil. <sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come, and He has given us an understanding so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him that is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and the everlasting life.

<sup>21</sup>Little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen.

# THE SECOND LETTER OF JOHN

<sup>1</sup>The elder to *the* elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth — <sup>2</sup>for the sake of the truth which dwells in us, and shall be with us forever. <sup>3</sup>Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly that I found your children walking in truth, as we have received command from the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I beseech you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we had from *the* beginning, that we love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, as you heard from *the* beginning, that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have entered into the world, who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

<sup>8</sup>Look to yourselves, so that we may not lose those things which we worked out, but that we may receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone transgressing and not abiding in the teaching of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the teaching of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, nor speak a greeting to him. <sup>11</sup>For he who speaks a greeting to him is partaker of his evil deeds.

<sup>12</sup>Having many things to write to you, I do not want to write with paper and ink. But I trust to come to you and speak face to face, so that our joy may be full.

<sup>13</sup>The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

## THE THIRD LETTER OF JOHN

<sup>1</sup>The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in the truth. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, above all things I wish that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. <sup>3</sup>For I rejoiced greatly when *the* brothers came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy *than* these things, to hear that my children walk in the truth.

<sup>5</sup>Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you work for the brothers and for strangers, <sup>6</sup>who in love bore witness of you before the church, whom you will do well to send forward worthily of God; <sup>7</sup>because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the nations. <sup>8</sup>Therefore we ought to entertain such, so that we might be co-workers in the truth.

<sup>9</sup>I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, did not receive us. <sup>10</sup>Therefore if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, ranting against us with evil words. And not content *with* these, neither does he himself receive the brothers. And he forbids those who would, and casts *them out* of the church.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, do not imitate the bad, but the good. He who does good is from God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

<sup>12</sup>Demetrius has good report by all men, and of the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

<sup>13</sup>I had many things to write, but I will not write to you with pen and ink, <sup>14</sup>but I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

# THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JUDE

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those called in God *the Father*, having been set apart, and having been kept by Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

<sup>3</sup>Having made all diligence to write to you about the common salvation, beloved, I had need to write to you *to* exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain men crept in secretly, those having been of old previously written into this condemnation, ungodly ones perverting the grace of our God for unbridled lust, and denying the only Master, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup>But I intend to remind you, you once knowing these things, that the Lord having delivered a people out of *the* land of Egypt, in the second place destroyed the ones not believing. <sup>6</sup>And those angels not having kept their first place, but having deserted *their* dwelling-place, He has kept in everlasting chains under darkness for *the* judgment of a great Day; <sup>7</sup>as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, in like manner to these, committing fornication, and going away after other flesh, laid down an example before-times, undergoing vengeance of everlasting fire. <sup>8</sup>Likewise, indeed, also those dreaming ones even defile flesh, and despise rulership, and speak evil of glories. <sup>9</sup>But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the Devil, he argued about the body of Moses — he dared not bring a judgment of blasphemy, but said, Let *the* Lord rebuke you! <sup>10</sup>But what things they do not know, they speak evil of these. And what things they understand naturally, like the animals without reason, they are corrupted by these.

<sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they went the way of Cain, and gave themselves up to the error of Balaam *for* reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah. <sup>12</sup>These are sunken rocks in your love feasts, feasting together with you; feeding themselves without fear; waterless clouds being carried about by winds; fruitless autumn trees, having died twice, having been plucked up by the roots; <sup>13</sup>wild waves of *the* sea foaming up their shames; wandering stars for whom blackness of darkness has been kept forever.

<sup>14</sup>And Enoch, *the* seventh from Adam, also prophesied to these, saying, Behold, *the* Lord came with myriads of His saints, <sup>15</sup>to do judgment against all, and to rebuke all the ungodly of them concerning all their ungodly works which they ungodly did, and concerning all the hard things ungodly sinners spoke against Him. <sup>16</sup>These are murmurers, complainers, leading lives according to their lusts. And their mouth speaks proud things, admiring faces for the sake of gain. <sup>17</sup>But you, beloved, remember the words spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>18</sup>because they told you that at *the* last time there will be mockers according to their lusts, leading ungodly lives. <sup>19</sup>These are those setting themselves apart, animal-like ones, not having *the* Spirit.

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in *the* Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in *the* love of God, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life. <sup>22</sup>But pity some, making distinction. <sup>23</sup>But save others with fear, snatching *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment having been stained from the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to Him being able to keep you without stumbling, and to set *you* before His glory without blemish, with unspeakable joy; <sup>25</sup>to *the* only wise God, our Savior, *be* glory and majesty and might and authority, even now and forever. Amen.

# THE HOLY REVELATION OF JOHN

## THE DIVINE

### CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>A Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to declare to His servants things which must shortly come to pass. And He signified it *by* sending His angel to His servant John, <sup>2</sup>who bore record of the Word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ and of all the things that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed *is* he who reads and hears the words of this prophecy, and who keep the things written in it, for the time *is* near.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches which are in Asia.

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who *is* coming; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne; <sup>5</sup>even from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the First-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us kings and priests to God and His Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Behold, He comes with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, and those who pierced Him will see Him, and all the kindreds of the earth will wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup>I am Alpha and Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* Ending, says the Lord, who *is* and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

<sup>9</sup>I, John, who also am your brother and companion in the affliction, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the island that is called Patmos, for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>I came to be in *the* Spirit in the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last — and, What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. <sup>12</sup>And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. <sup>13</sup>And in *the* midst of the seven lampstands I saw One like *the* Son of man, clothed with a garment down to *the* feet, and tied around the breast with a golden band. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow. And His eyes were like a flame of fire. <sup>15</sup>And His feet were like burnished metal having been fired in a furnace. And His voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup>And He had seven stars in His right hand, and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword. And His face was like the sun shining in its strength. <sup>17</sup>And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying to me, Do not fear, I am the First and the Last, <sup>18</sup>and the living One, and I became dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death. <sup>19</sup>Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be after this — <sup>20</sup>the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

### CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>To the angel of the Church of Ephesus write: He who holds the seven stars in His right *hand*, who walks in *the* midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things. <sup>2</sup>I know your works and your labor and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil. And *you* tried those pretending to be apostles, and are not, and have found them liars. <sup>3</sup>And you have borne, and have patience, and for

My name's sake you have labored and have not fainted. <sup>4</sup>But I have against you that you left your first love. <sup>5</sup>Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and will remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give him to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in *the* midst of the paradise of God.

<sup>8</sup>And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The First and the Last, who became dead and lived, says these things: <sup>9</sup>I know your works and tribulation and poverty (but you are rich), and *I know* the blasphemy of those saying themselves to be Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast some of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

<sup>12</sup>And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: He who has the sharp sword with two edges says these things. <sup>13</sup>I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat *is*. And you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. <sup>15</sup>So you also have those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Repent! But if not I will come to you quickly, and will fight with them by the sword of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give to him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except he who receives it.

<sup>18</sup>And to the angel of the church at Thyatira write: The Son of God, He who has His eyes like a flame of fire and His feet like burnished metal, says these things: <sup>19</sup>I know your works and love and service and faith and your patience, and your works — and the last to be more than the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have a few things against you because you allow that woman Jezebel, she saying herself *to be* a prophetess, and to cause My servants to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol-sacrifices. <sup>21</sup>And I gave her time that she might repent of her fornication, and she did not repent. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>And I will kill her children with death. And all the churches will know that I am He who searches the reins and hearts, and I will give to every one of you according to your works. <sup>24</sup>But to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak — I will put on you no other burden. <sup>25</sup>But that which you have, hold fast until I come. <sup>26</sup>And he who overcomes and keeps My works to *the* end, to him I will give power over the nations. <sup>27</sup>And he will rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter they will be broken to pieces, even as I received from My Father. <sup>28</sup>And I will give him the Morning Star. <sup>29</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars says these things. I know your works, that you have a



name that you live, and are dead. <sup>2</sup>Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before God. <sup>3</sup>Remember then how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. <sup>4</sup>You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The *one* who overcomes, that *one* will be clothed in white clothing. And I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

<sup>7</sup>And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts; and shuts and no one opens, says these things: <sup>8</sup>I know your works. Behold, I have given before you an open door, and no one can shut it. For you have a little strength and have kept My word and have not denied My name. <sup>9</sup>Behold, I will give out of those of the synagogue of Satan, those saying themselves to be Jews and are not, but lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation which will come upon all the world, to try those who dwell upon the earth. <sup>11</sup>Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast to that which you have, so that no one may take your crown. <sup>12</sup>Him who overcomes I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will go out no more. And I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God — New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven from My God, and My new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

<sup>14</sup>And to the angel of the church of the Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of God, says these things: <sup>15</sup>I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because you say, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing — and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked — <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from Me gold tried in the fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be clothed, and so that the shame of your nakedness does not appear. And anoint your eyes with eye salve, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me. <sup>21</sup>To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and have sat down with My Father in His throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

#### CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a door was opened in Heaven. And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you what must occur after these things. <sup>2</sup>And immediately I became in spirit. And behold, a throne was set in Heaven, and *One* sat upon the throne. <sup>3</sup>And He who sat there looked like a jasper stone and a sardius. And a rainbow was around the throne, looking like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>And around the throne I saw twenty-four thrones. And on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white clothing. And they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup>And out of the throne came lightnings and thunderings and

voices. And seven lamps of fire *were* burning in front of the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup>And a sea of glass was in front of the throne, like crystal. And in *the* midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind.

<sup>7</sup>And the first living creature *was* like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And each one of the four living creatures had six wings about him, and within being full of eyes. And they had no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, *who* was and is and is to come.

<sup>9</sup>And when the living creatures gave glory and honor and thanks to Him who sat on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fell down before the *One* sitting on the throne. And they worshiped Him who lives forever and ever, and threw their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup>O Lord, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You created all things, and for Your will they are and were created.

### CHAPTER 5

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a book on the right of Him sitting on the throne, written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loosen its seals? <sup>3</sup>And no one in Heaven or in earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book or to look at it. <sup>4</sup>And I wept very much, because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, nor to look at it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals of it.

<sup>6</sup>And I looked, and lo, in *the* midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, amidst the elders, a Lamb stood, as if it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And He came and took the book out of the right *hand* of Him sitting on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having harps and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. <sup>10</sup>And *You* made us kings and priests to our God, and we will reign over the earth.

<sup>11</sup>And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and the living creatures and the elders. And the number of them was myriads and myriads, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature which is in the Heaven and on the earth, and under the earth, and those that are in the sea, and all who are in them, saying, Blessing and honor and glory and power *be* to Him sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever. <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped *the* Living One forever and ever.

### CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures like a sound of thunder, saying, Come and see. <sup>2</sup>And I saw. And behold a white horse! And he sitting on it had a bow. And a crown was given to him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup>And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and see. <sup>4</sup>And another, a red horse, went out. And power was given to him sitting on it, to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. And there was given to him a great sword.

<sup>5</sup>And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, Come and see. And I looked, and lo, a black horse. And he sitting on it had a balance in his hand. <sup>6</sup>And I heard a voice in *the* midst of the four living creatures say, A choenix of wheat *for* a denarius, and three choenixes of barley *for* a denarius. And do not hurt the oil and the wine.

<sup>7</sup>And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, Come and see. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him sitting on it *was* Death, and Hell followed with him. And authority was given to them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword and with hunger and with death and by the beasts of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. <sup>10</sup>And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Until when, Master, holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? <sup>11</sup>And white robes were given to each one of them. And it was said to them that they should rest yet for a little time, until both their fellow servants and their brothers (those about to be killed as they *were*) should have *their number* made complete.

<sup>12</sup>And when He had opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake. And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. <sup>13</sup>And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs when she is shaken by a mighty wind. <sup>14</sup>And *the* heaven departed like a scroll when it is rolled together. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. <sup>15</sup>And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup>And they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from *the* face of Him sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup>for the great day of His wrath has come, and who will be able to stand?

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. <sup>2</sup>And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, Do not hurt the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Out of *the* tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Gad, twelve thousand were sealed. <sup>6</sup>Out of *the* tribe of Asher, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand were sealed. <sup>7</sup>Out of *the* tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Levi, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand were sealed. <sup>8</sup>Out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand were sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After these things I looked, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed *with* white robes, with palms in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne, and the elders, and the four living creatures, and *they* fell before the throne on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>13</sup>And one of the elders answered, saying to me, Who are these who are arrayed *in* white robes, and from where do they come? <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones who came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and have whitened them in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple. And He sitting on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup>They will not hunger any more, nor thirst any more, nor will the sun light on them, nor any heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will feed them and will lead them to *the* fountains of living waters. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup>And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the seven angels who stood before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup>And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer. And many incenses were given to him, so that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints on the golden altar before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup>And the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth. And voices and thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake occurred.

<sup>6</sup>And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. <sup>7</sup>The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mixed with blood, and they were cast on the earth. And the third *part* of trees was burned up, and all green grass was burned up. <sup>8</sup>And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea. And the third *part* of the sea became blood. <sup>9</sup>And the third *part* of the creatures having life died in the sea; and the third *part* of the ships was destroyed. <sup>10</sup>And the third angel sounded, and a great star burning like a lamp fell from the heaven, and it fell on the third *part* of the rivers and on the fountains of waters. <sup>11</sup>And the name of the star is *called* Wormwood, and a third *part* of the waters became wormwood. And many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter. <sup>12</sup>And the fourth angel sounded, and the third *part* of the sun was stricken, and the third *part* of the moon, and the third *part* of the stars, so that the third *part* of them was darkened, and the day did not appear for a third *part* of it, and the night also. <sup>13</sup>And I saw and I heard one angel flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, from the rest of *the* voices of the trumpet of the three angels being about to sound!

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel sounded. And I saw a star fall from the heaven to the earth, and it was given the key to the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup>And it opened the bottomless pit. And there arose a smoke out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun and air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. <sup>3</sup>And out of the

smoke came forth locusts onto the earth. And authority was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have authority. <sup>4</sup>And they were commanded not to hurt the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months. And their torment *was* like a scorpion's torment when he stings a man. <sup>6</sup>And in those days men will seek death and will not find it. And they will long to die, and death will flee from them.

<sup>7</sup>And the shapes of the locusts *were* like horses prepared for battle. And on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. <sup>8</sup>And they had hairs like *the* hairs of women, and their teeth were like *the* teeth of lions. <sup>9</sup>And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron. And the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. <sup>10</sup>And they had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. And their authority was to hurt men five months. <sup>11</sup>And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in Greek *his* name is Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup>The first woe is past. Behold, after these things yet comes two woes.

<sup>13</sup>And the sixth angel sounded his trumpet. And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup>saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Loose the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. <sup>15</sup>And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, in order to slay the third *part* of men. <sup>16</sup>And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two myriads of myriads. And I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, having breastplates of fire, even dusky red and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lion. And out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup>By these three the third *part* of men was killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone which issued out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For their authority is in their mouth and in their tails. For their tails *were* like serpents with heads, and with them they do harm. <sup>20</sup>And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and golden, and silver, and bronze, and stone, and wooden idols (which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk). <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup>And I saw another mighty angel coming down out of the heavens, clothed *with* a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, and his face *was* as the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>And he had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth. <sup>3</sup>And *he* cried with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. And when he had cried, seven thunders spoke their sounds. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write. And I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, Seal up what things the seven thunders spoke, and do not write these things. <sup>5</sup>And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the earth lifted his hand to the heaven, <sup>6</sup>and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there should no longer be time. <sup>7</sup>But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he will begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He has declared to His servants the prophets.

<sup>8</sup>And the voice which I heard from Heaven spoke to me again, and said, Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea

and on the earth. <sup>9</sup>And I went to the angel and said to him, Give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it and eat it up, and it will make your belly bitter, but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it up. And it was sweet as honey in my mouth, and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, You must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

### CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>And a reed like a rod was given to me. And the angel stood, saying, Rise up and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. <sup>2</sup>But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it was given to the nations. And they will trample the holy city forty-two months. <sup>3</sup>And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy a thousand, two hundred and sixty days, clothed *in* sackcloth. <sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if anyone will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone will hurt them, so it is right for him to be killed. <sup>6</sup>These have authority to shut up the heaven, that it may not rain in the days of their prophecy. And they have authority over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth *with* every plague, as often as they desire. <sup>7</sup>And when they complete their testimony, the beast coming up out of the abyss war against them and will overcome them and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>And many of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will see their dead bodies three days and a half, and they will not allow their dead bodies to be put in tombs. <sup>10</sup>And the ones who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry, and will send one another gifts, because these two prophets tormented those living on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>And after three days and a half, a spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. And great fear fell on those seeing them. <sup>12</sup>And they heard a great voice from Heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they went up to Heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. <sup>13</sup>And in that hour a great earthquake occurred, and the tenth *part* of the city fell. And seven thousand names of men were slain in the earthquake. And the rest were frightened and gave glory to the God of Heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The second woe passed away. Behold, the third woe comes quickly.

<sup>15</sup>And the seventh angel sounded. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ. And He will reign forever and ever. <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders sitting before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying, We thank You, O Lord God Almighty, who are, and who was, and who *is* coming, because You took Your great power and reigned. <sup>18</sup>And the nations were full of wrath, and Your wrath came, and the time of the judging of the dead, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to the ones fearing Your name, to the small and to the great, and to destroy those destroying the earth. <sup>19</sup>And the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His covenant, and occurred lightnings and voices, and thunders and an earthquake, and a great hail.

### CHAPTER 12

<sup>1</sup>And there appeared a great sign in the heavens, a woman clothed *with* the sun, and the moon *was* under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>And she having a *babe* in womb, she cries, travailing in birth and pained to bear.

<sup>3</sup>And another sign was seen in the heaven. And behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads! <sup>4</sup>And his tail drew the third *part* of the stars of heaven, and cast them onto the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman being about to bear, so that when she bears he might devour the child. <sup>5</sup>And she bore a son, a male, who is going to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up to God and to His throne. <sup>6</sup>And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, so that they might nourish her there a thousand, two hundred *and* sixty days.

<sup>7</sup>And there was war in Heaven. Michael and his angels warring against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels warred, <sup>8</sup>but did not prevail. Nor was place found *for* them in Heaven any more. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent called Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world. *He* was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a great voice saying in Heaven, Now has come the salvation and power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup>And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul to the death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and those tabernacling in them. Woe *to* the inhabitants of the earth and in the sea! For the Devil came down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a little time.

<sup>13</sup>And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who bore the man-child. <sup>14</sup>And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, *from the serpent's face*. <sup>15</sup>And the serpent cast out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman, so that he might cause her *to be* carried away *by the river*. <sup>16</sup>And the earth helped the woman. And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup>And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### CHAPTER 13

<sup>1</sup>And I stood on the sand of the sea, and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns. And on its horns *were* ten crowns, and on its heads was the name of blasphemy. <sup>2</sup>And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet like those of a bear, and its mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him its power and its seat and great authority. <sup>3</sup>And I saw one of its heads as having been slain to death, and its deadly wound was healed. And all the earth marveled after the beast. <sup>4</sup>And they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, *Who is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with it? <sup>5</sup>And a mouth speaking great things was given to it, and blasphemies. And authority was given to it to continue forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, and those dwelling in Heaven. <sup>7</sup>And it was given to it to war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given to it over every tribe and tongues and nation. <sup>8</sup>And all dwelling on the earth will worship it, *those* whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain, *from the foundation of the world*. <sup>9</sup>If any man has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup>He who leads into captivity will go into captivity. If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be killed by a sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

<sup>11</sup>And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And it exercises all the authority of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and those dwelling in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>And it does great wonders, so that it makes fire come down from the heaven onto the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup>And it deceives those dwelling on the earth, because of the miracles which were given to it to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth that they should make an image to the beast who had the wound by a sword and lived. <sup>15</sup>And *there* was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might both speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup>And it causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark on their right hand, or in their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>even that not any might buy or sell except those having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him having reason count the number of the beast, for it is *the* number of a man. And its number is six hundred and sixty-six.

#### CHAPTER 14

<sup>1</sup>And I looked, and lo, *the* Lamb stood on Mount Zion. And with Him were a hundred and forty-four thousands, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from Heaven, like the voice of many waters and like the voice of a great thunder. And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. <sup>3</sup>And they sang as it were a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousands who were redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are those who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, the first-fruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth was found no guile, for they were without blemish before the throne of God.

<sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having *the* everlasting gospel to preach to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, <sup>7</sup>saying with a great voice, Fear God and give glory to Him! For the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. <sup>8</sup>And another angel followed, saying, The great city, Babylon, has fallen, has fallen; because of the wine of the anger of her fornication; *she* has made all nations to drink.

<sup>9</sup>And a third angel followed them, saying with a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark in his forehead or in his hand, <sup>10</sup>he also will drink of the wine of the anger of God, having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And *he* will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those who worship the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. <sup>12</sup>Here is *the* patience of the saints. Here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead who die in *the* Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works follow them. <sup>14</sup>And I looked, and behold, a white cloud. And on the cloud sat *one* like *the* Son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup>And another angel came out of the temple, crying in a great voice to Him sitting on the cloud, Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for



the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth was dried. <sup>16</sup>And He sitting on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup>And another angel came out of the temple in Heaven, also having a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>And another angel came out from the altar, who had authority over fire. And he spoke with a great cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe. <sup>19</sup>And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the anger of God. <sup>20</sup>And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, for the space of a thousand, six hundred stadia.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>1</sup>And I saw another sign in Heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels with the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. <sup>2</sup>And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire. And those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. <sup>3</sup>And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty, just and true *are* Your ways, O King of saints. <sup>4</sup>Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You only are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteousnesses were made known.

<sup>5</sup>And after these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony was opened in Heaven. <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed *in* pure and white linen, and were tied at the breasts *with* golden bands. <sup>7</sup>And one of the four beasts gave to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who lives forever *and* ever. <sup>8</sup>And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His authority. And no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup>And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go and pour out the vials of the anger of God on the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the first went and poured out his vial on the earth. And a bad and grievous sore fell on the men who had the mark of the beast, and on those who worshiped his image. <sup>3</sup>And the second angel poured out his vial on the sea. And it became like the blood of a dead man, and every living soul died in the sea. <sup>4</sup>And the third angel poured out his vial on the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel of the waters say, Righteous *is* the Lord, who is, and was, and who will be, because You have judged these things, <sup>6</sup>since they have poured out *the* blood of the saints and prophets; and You gave them blood to drink, for they were deserving. <sup>7</sup>And I heard another out of the altar saying, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.

<sup>8</sup>And the fourth angel poured out his vial onto the sun. And it was given to him to burn men with fire. <sup>9</sup>And men were burned *with* great heat. And they blasphemed the name of God, He having authority over these plagues. And they did not repent in order to give Him glory.

<sup>10</sup>And the fifth angel poured out his vial on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom became darkened. And they gnawed their tongues from the pain. <sup>11</sup>And they blasphemed the God of Heaven because of their pains and their sores. And they did not repent of their deeds.

<sup>12</sup>And the sixth angel poured out his vial on the great river Euphrates. And its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from *the rising of the sun* might be prepared.

<sup>13</sup>And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>For they are spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that day, the great *day* of God Almighty. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. <sup>16</sup>And he gathered them into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

<sup>17</sup>And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air. And a great voice came out of the temple of Heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done! <sup>18</sup>And voices and thunders and lightnings occurred. And there was a great earthquake, such as has not been since men were on the earth, so mighty and so great an earthquake. <sup>19</sup>And the great city came to be into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the anger of His wrath. <sup>20</sup>And every island fled away, and mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup>And a great hail, as the size of a talent, came down out of the heaven on men. And men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague of it was exceedingly great.

#### CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup>And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and talked with me, saying to me, Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. <sup>3</sup>So he carried me away into a desert, by *the Spirit*. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, filled *with* names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>And the woman was arrayed *in* purple and scarlet. And *she was* gilded with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. <sup>5</sup>And on her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. <sup>6</sup>And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled *with* a great marveling. <sup>7</sup>And the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, that has the seven heads and ten horns. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend out of the abyss and go into perdition. And those dwelling on the earth will marvel, *those* whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of *the* world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. <sup>9</sup>And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup>And there are seven kings; five have fallen, and one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup>And the beast that was, and is not, even he is *the eighth*, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition. <sup>12</sup>And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom yet, but will receive authority as kings one hour with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These have one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them. For He is Lord of lords and King of kings. And those with Him *are the* called and elect and faithful ones. <sup>15</sup>And he says to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, and peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues, <sup>16</sup>and the ten horns

which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked. And *they* will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God gave into their hearts to do His mind, and to act *with* one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman whom you saw is the great city which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

#### CHAPTER 18

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw another angel come down from Heaven, having great authority. And the earth was lighted up from his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen! And *it* has become the dwelling-place of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a cage of every unclean bird *which* has been hated, <sup>3</sup>because of the wine of the anger of her fornication *which* all the nations have drunk. And the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her. And the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her luxury.

<sup>4</sup>And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you may not be partakers of her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues. <sup>5</sup>For her sins joined together, *even* up to Heaven, and God has remembered her unjust deeds. <sup>6</sup>Reward her as she has rewarded you, and double to her double, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix double to her. <sup>7</sup>As much as she has glorified herself and has lived in luxury, so much torment and sorrow give her. For she says in her heart, I sit *as* a queen, and I am not a widow; and I do not see mourning at all. <sup>8</sup>Therefore her plagues will come in one day, death and mourning and famine. And she will be consumed with fire, for the Lord God who judges her *is* strong. <sup>9</sup>And the kings of the earth who have committed fornication and lived in luxury with her will weep for her, and will wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning; <sup>10</sup>standing afar off for fear of her torment, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, Babylon, that strong city! For in one hour your judgment came. <sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their cargo any more; <sup>12</sup>the cargo of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every ivory vessel, and every vessel of very precious wood, and of bronze, and of iron, and of marble, <sup>13</sup>and cinnamon, and incenses, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. <sup>14</sup>And the fruits that your soul lusted after have departed from you, and all the fat things and the bright things departed from you, and you will find them no more, not at all. <sup>15</sup>The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning <sup>16</sup>and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city which was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! <sup>17</sup>For in one hour such great riches was desolated. And every ship-pilot, and all the company on the ships, and sailors, and as many as work the sea, stood afar off. <sup>18</sup>And *they* cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What *is* like the great city? <sup>19</sup>And they threw dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, by which all who had ships in the sea were rich because of her costliness! For in one hour she was ruined. <sup>20</sup>Rejoice over her, Heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, since God judged your judgment on her. <sup>21</sup>And one strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, So on an impulse the great city, Babylon, will be thrown down and will not be found any more at all. <sup>22</sup>And the voice of harpers, and of musicians, and flutists, and of trumpeters will be heard no more at all in you. And every

craftsman of any craft will not be found any more in you. And the sound of a mill will never more be heard at all in you. <sup>23</sup>And the light of a lamp will never more shine at all in you. And *the* voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will never more be heard at all in you. For your merchants were the great ones of the earth; for by your sorceries all nations were deceived. <sup>24</sup>And in her was found *the* blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all those who were slain on the earth.

## CHAPTER 19

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I heard a great sound of a numerous crowd in Heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and honor and the power of *the* Lord our God! <sup>2</sup>For true and righteous *are* His judgments. For He has judged the great harlot who defiled the earth with her fornication, and He has avenged the blood of His servants out of her hand. <sup>3</sup>And secondly they said, Hallelujah! And her smoke rose up forever *and* ever. <sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God sitting on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah! <sup>5</sup>And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all His servants, and the ones fearing Him, the small and great.

<sup>6</sup>And I heard as the sound of a great multitude, and as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of strong thunders, saying, Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigns! <sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice and we will give glory to Him. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has prepared herself. <sup>8</sup>And to her was granted that she should be arrayed *in* white linen, clean and white. For the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And he said to me, Write, Blessed *are* those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God. <sup>10</sup>And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, Stop! I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

<sup>11</sup>And I saw Heaven opened. And behold, a white horse! And He sitting on him was called Faithful and True. And in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head many crowns. And He had a name written, one that no one knew except Himself. <sup>13</sup>And *He* had been clothed *in* a garment dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies in Heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed *in* fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, so that with it He should strike the nations. And He will shepherd them with a rod of iron. And He treads the winepress of the wine of the anger and of the wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>And He has on His garment, and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

<sup>17</sup>And I saw one angel standing in the sun. And he cried with a great voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, Come and gather together to the supper of the great God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of captains, and *the* flesh of strong ones, and *the* flesh of horses, and those sitting on them, and *the* flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great. <sup>19</sup>And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth and their armies, being gathered to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet doing signs before it, (by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast), and those who had worshiped his image. The two were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were slain by the sword of Him who sat on the horse, *it* proceeding out of His mouth. And all the birds were filled from their flesh.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>And he cast him into the abyss and shut him up and set a seal on him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be fulfilled. And after that he must be loosed a little time.

<sup>4</sup>And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast nor his image, nor had received his mark on their foreheads, nor in their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup>And when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be loosed out of his prison. <sup>8</sup>And he will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth — Gog and Magog — to gather them together to battle. The number of them is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup>And they went up over the breadth of the earth and circled around the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of Heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup>And the Devil who deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet were. And he will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

<sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne, and Him sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And a place was not found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, *the small and the great*, stand before God. And the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the *Book of Life*. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and hell delivered up the dead in them. And each one of them was judged according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer is. <sup>2</sup>And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. And there will be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying out, nor will there be any more pain — for the first things passed away.

<sup>5</sup>And He sitting on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said to me, Write, for these words are true and faithful. <sup>6</sup>And He said to me, It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who thirsts I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely. <sup>7</sup>He who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup>But *the fearful*, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and

sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, *will have* their part in the Lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is *the* second death.

<sup>9</sup>And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God. And its light was like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>And it had a great and high wall, with twelve gates. And at the gates were twelve angels, and names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel: <sup>13</sup>From *the* east three gates, from *the* north three gates, from *the* south three gates, and from *the* west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them were *the* names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>And he who talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city and its gates and its wall. <sup>16</sup>And the city lies four-square, and the length is as large as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand stadia. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. <sup>17</sup>And he measured its wall, a hundred *and* forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

<sup>18</sup>And the foundation of its wall *was* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup>And the foundations of the wall of the city had been adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <sup>20</sup>the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, hyacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls. Respectively, each one of the gates was one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in it, for *the* Lord God Almighty *is* its temple, even the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>And the nations of those who are saved will walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>25</sup>And its gates may not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there. <sup>26</sup>And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>And there shall in no way enter into it anything that defiles, or *any* making an abomination or a lie; but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>1</sup>And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In *the* midst of its street, and of the river, from here and from there, *was* the Tree of Life, which bore twelve fruits, each yielding its fruit according to one month. And the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>And every curse will no longer be; but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will serve Him. <sup>4</sup>And they will see His face, and His name *will be* in their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no night there. And they need no lamp, or light of the sun; for *the* Lord God gives them light. And they will reign forever *and* ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, These sayings *are* faithful and true. And *the* Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show to His servants the things which must shortly be done. <sup>7</sup>Behold, I come quickly. Blessed *is* he who keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book. <sup>8</sup>And I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel showing me these things. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, Behold! Stop! For I am your fellow-servant,

and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the sayings of this Book. Do worship to God.

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this Book; for the time is at hand. <sup>11</sup>He acting unjustly, let him still act unjustly. And the filthy, let *him* be filthy still. And the righteous, let *him* be righteous still. And the holy, let *him* be holy still. <sup>12</sup>And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according as his work is. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. <sup>14</sup>Blessed *are* they who do His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>But outside *are* the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and makes a lie.

<sup>16</sup>I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify these things to you over the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star. <sup>17</sup>And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come. And let *him who is thirsty* come. And he willing, let *him* take of the water of life freely.

<sup>18</sup>For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this Book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add on him the plagues that have been written in this Book. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone takes away from the words of *the* Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of *the* Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which have been written in this Book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies these things says, Yes, I am coming quickly, Amen. Yes, come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.